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Little Known Black Gay Facts

In what might be called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Leave in the Release Print," Paramount Pictures cut footage from Richard Pryor's 1982 film, *Some Kind of Hero*, depicting a gay affair between the star and his buddy.

Whites Hold Prejudices Early in Life

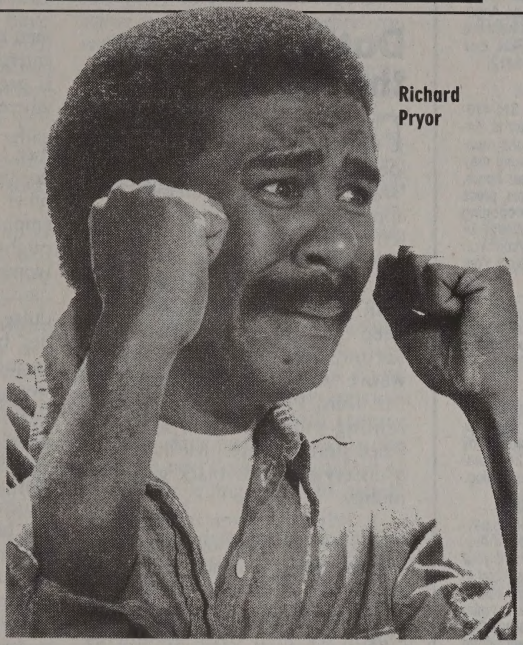
In a study of 369 white middle-class students in grades 3 to 11, University of Cincinnati psychologist Janet G. Baker found a statistically significant corelation between racial prejudice and anti-gay attitudes.

"Maybe it's a matter of power and looking down on all the people you think are at the bottom," Dr. Baker told *USA Today*.

Boys, she found, hold more negative attitudes than girls about gay men, although there was no gender difference in feelings about lesbians. Other studies show that adult men feel more hostile than women toward gay men, Dr. Baker said.

"Gay males seem to represent more of a threat to men, perhaps because they're breaking ranks and not fitting into the male mold," she said.

Dr. Baker also found that both sexes express less racial prejudice as they get older; and that girls of all ages are about equally willing to select black friends, but boys, even as professed racism drops, show declining desire for African American friends as they get older.



Richard Pryor

Coach Aligns Stealing with Homosexuality

Louisiana State University basketball coach Dale Brown has an excuse for running back Jay Johnson and cornerback Robert Hawkins who were arrested in December on charges of stealing cash and credit cards from a dormitory.

At a news conference following the arrest, the coach sympathized with the two black athletes, calling them victims of a "sickness in society" that gives them homosexuals and drunks for role models.

"They get good people to copy from," Brown said. "The television personalities that are homosexuals and embezzlers, the coaches that are drunks, the ministers that are false evangelists. So, you know, they're looking at society in general. And it's kind of a sickness in society."

The police report said Johnson and Hawkins had in their possession various items taken from several rooms at the dorm. The owners of the possessions said they were asleep in their rooms during the burglaries, the report said.

Johnson, a sophomore from Waco, Texas, finished as LSU's leading rusher this season with 558 yards on 106 carries. Hawkins, a redshirt freshman from Dallas, played in four games and made five tackles.

PC Sex Code May Be Just Fine for Some

Antioch College in Ohio has a new "sexual offense" policy that requires students to ask for express verbal consent before they kiss, let alone copulate, with another member of the Antioch community.

Although the new rules seem draconian, they are completely even-handed with regard to homosexuality, and I can think of at least one segment of the lesbian and gay community that must be ecstatic.

Consider the following two excerpts from the official rules:

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"If one person wants to initiate moving to a higher level of sexual intimacy...that person is responsible for getting verbal consent of the other person(s) involved before moving to that level."

Is that the sound of leather I hear as the S&M and B&D communities charter planes to Antioch?

"Excuse me, Sir. May I kiss you now?"

"Yes, you may."

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BLK MAIL

Dating Outisde the Race

First of all, I would like to say that the respondents in Part 4 of your Joe Simmons series were obviously "snow queens" and illiterate. They apparently didn't comprehend my letter because if they had their responses wouldn't have been so asinine and ridiculous. My letter (BLK, Nov. 1992) was simply too deep for them to understand. Second, my view on separatism wasn't "implied," it was unequivocal fact. Third, I have long since stopped renting videos from a local gay video store because I felt that it was a disservice to the black gay community.

1. While I never implied that blacks aren't capable of manipulating one another, I do view black who do as "Benedicts" and "Uncles" who are simply jumping on the bandwagon for their own self-interest whether those interests are political, social or otherwise.

2. Mr. R.L.M. Jr. of Dallas (a city which happens to be the "snow queen" capital of Texas), wrote that I failed to address the issue of black gay men with high self-esteem who also date white men. Mr. R.L.M. Jr. needs to know that I perceive them no differently and take issue with their motives as well. Just because a black person has high self-esteem doesn't mean that he is confident about being black. In his letter, Mr. R.L.M. Jr. of Dallas failed to address the issues of "white racism" let alone "white gay racism," both of which I've been a victim.

3. As for Mr. Billingslea, his statement, "Videos are a product. They are created, distributed and sold according to demand" is indicative of a person who will sell their mother down the river given the opportunity. His statement was very individualistic in nature. That same philosophy was in place in 1619 Jamestown, Virginia, until 1865 in Galveston, Texas. Does he suggest that black gay men be compromised for the sake of entertainment and profit? Capitalism is great, however, there's a point where a line must be drawn.

4. To address Mr. Billingslea further, I did not speak of so called "minorities and their involvement with other racial groups. I specifically and emphatically stated that black men ought to date black men or black women (of African descent). Furthermore, I do not allow myself to indulge in problems of other "minorities" because blacks in America have enough problems to tackle of our own. If Mr. Billingslea chooses to date outside of his race, he needs to make sure that he's well educated about the pre- and post-history of blacks in America. That way he can educate his non-black mate about the black experience since his mate may have never had the opportunity to learn about our rich culture.

Unfortunately, 139 years after slavery, there are many blacks who possess a "pre-Emancipation Proclamation" mentality. They identify with the oppressor and have a "Stefan Fetchitized" relationship with whites, whether they're gay or straight. Let white gays have their own agenda. Black people, gay and straight, must form their own. An agenda built out of strength and unity.

Terrence McCreight
Houston, Tex.

Black and White Sex Is Political

White men, and black men who want to lie with white men, just don't get it, do they?

This society and everyone in it is so thoroughly racist that every breath we take, every act we perform is hooked up somehow with how thick your lips are. You can't get away from it. You can't be color-blind in this society, because acting as if race doesn't matter is itself a racist political act with political consequences.

Black and white men don't just

happen to fall in love with each other. Consciously, or not, they are responding to color-based positive or negative assumptions. Of course, the biggie for white men is black dick. White men want the big ones that black men are reputed to have. They want the passion that men whose ancestors came from Africa gave them eons ago. But there are other assumptions, too. Black men are more likely to cozy up to white men because those blue eyes and straight blond hairs represent a graduation to the good life.

But consider some of the other things that happen when black and white men fall in love. The money that comes into the interracial family is more likely to flow into white hands than help an already depressed black economy. One more possible role model for black kids is lost. Black people who are not yet in relationships have one more reason to wonder about the worth of their peers. Some engage in self-destructive behavior since it becomes more and more clear to them that, except for what hangs between their legs, they're pathetic and worthless.

Can we hang drive-by shootings and engaging in sex without a rubber on interracial relationships? Not exactly. Everything is too interconnected. Six degrees of separation, you know. But let's say this: each time a white man and a black man set up a household, it doesn't make things any easier.

Are all black and white couplings false and exploitive? Should such relationships be banned? Of course not. We live, God bless us, in a society that is free enough for us to smoke cigarettes, watch violence on television and eat red meat. It's more like white people need to come with a Surgeon General's warning tattooed on their sides. If after reading the warning and realizing the consequences of the relationship both for yourself and for the black community as a whole you still want to do it, then go for it.

I realize that we all have individual lives to live in the here and now. We can't live our lives for the entire black community, or for generations to come. We all can't be Malcolm X or Mother Teresa. We have to spend some time grabbing for creature comforts and doing what feels good. That's acceptable.

I'm pushing for education. I'm suggesting that black people know exactly what they are doing when they suck white penises. Is it just that nice pale pud you like, or the instant status that fills your chest when you walk into Avery Fisher Hall accompanied by The Man? A lot of together black men who have no problem with self-esteem still enjoy the company of white men because it neutralizes a hostile racist environment. The lady who is comfortable enough to comment on how well she enjoyed the Dvorak during intermission, might just ignore you if you come with another brother.

I'm suggesting that white men consider their motives very carefully when they run their hands over smooth round Nubian butts. Those hands are not clean. They are covered with the filth of 19th century Southern slave owners as well as the nice man next door who is proud of himself for letting "that old nigger" cut his grass.

Men who date outside their race do so for a reason. The reason might be forthright, or it might be hidden. It might be benign or abusive. Right-thinking men will hold those relationships up to the light and subject them to thorough examination. Men who don't give a damn will continue the search for their racial fantasy unfettered by the consequences for themselves or society as a whole.

Ellsworth Jackson
Brooklyn, N.Y.

White Rufuses to Apologize

I am a white man who likes African American men and I don't need to apologize to you or to anyone else for doing so. I am not wealthy, but I am the one who generally picks up the tab. I don't need to feel guilty about that either. While all of you get on your high horses with Afrocentic bullshit, I am putting good food in black stomachs and showing a few black men the good time they might not be able to afford otherwise. I don't care if that is paternalism. It is what I do and I'm damn proud of it.

Henry Kasmer
Shaker Heights, Ohio

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SAN FRANCISCO
Jimmy Lee Murray appears as Mr. December on the 1994 Great Buns Calendar. Murray is also Mr. Cheeks and Chaps for 1994.

LOS ANGELES
Sandra Rowe and her son Philip F. Rowe were awarded a $2500 artist project grant from Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions for their "I Knew You Had To Tell Me Something." The work explores Phillip's "coming out" in a multi-disciplinary piece combining video, visual arts and sound.

NEW YORK
Dr. Marjorie J. Hill has become the chair of the national board of the Unity Fellowship Movement.

WASHINGTON
Charles B. Tarver, IV, has been named a public policy advocate for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Tarver was most recently a field service officer for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation in Boston.

ATLANTA
Cecily Walker is general manager of WRAS 88.5, the city's largest college radio station based at Georgia State University.

SAN FRANCISCO
Lauri J. Irving is currently serving a two-year term on the San Francisco Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee.

BERKELEY, Calif.
Akaya Windwood has been appointed to the Alameda County Human Relations Commission.

NEW YORK
Willa Taylor has been named cultural festival director for the Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival. She was previously on staff at Lincoln Center.

CHICAGO
Lisa Pickens, Shelton Watson and Earnest Hite were among the newest appointees to the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues.

LOS ANGELES
Rick Davis III, an attorney practicing bankruptcy law and commercial litigation for Chemical Bank, has been elected to the board of directors of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

WASHINGTON
Karen Bullock-Jordon, a former NGLTF receptionist, is now the organization's Volunteer/Intern Coordinator.

PHILADELPHIA
Kevin Vaughan, executive director of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, has been named to the steering committee of the International Conference of Lesbian and Gay Officials.

SAN FRANCISCO
Simeon White has announced his candidacy for the San Francisco board of supervisors. He is the first openly gay African American to seek election as a supervisor.

BOSTON
Officer Norman Hill, became the first full-time liaison to the lesbian and gay community for the Boston Police Department.

SAN FRANCISCO
Mary Midgett has been appointed to the Parent Advisory Committee of the San Francisco School Board by board president Tom Ammiano.

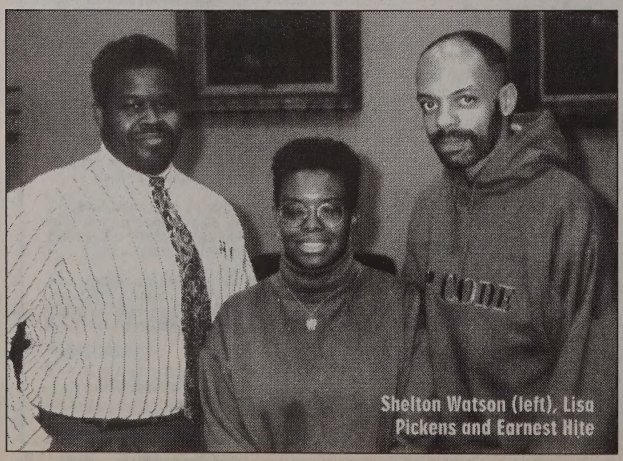
SAN DIEGO
Vertez Burks has been chosen by the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center as its representative to the LIFE Lobby.

TORONTO
Christopher Estridge recently displayed his bright, mural-like paintings in two concurrent shows: one at Victoria College and the other at the Masterangelo Gallery.

WASHINGTON
Lamar Dwayne Revis has replaced Maurice O. Franklin as director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic's Max Robinson Center. Franklin was removed after it was discovered he had falsified his resume.

NEW YORK
Dr. Billy E. Jones is now president of New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation, the largest medical facility in the country. He had been commissioner of NYC's Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services.

PORTLAND
Dr. Robin Holmes has been hired as a counselor for lesbian and bisexual issues at the University of


Shelton Watson (left), Lisa Pickens and Earnest Hite

Oregon's Counseling Center.

NEW YORK
William Breedlove's one-act play *White Picket Fence,* was performed at the Village Gate Theater on Nov. 14. The play concerns child molestation affecting different generations of a black middle class family.

CHICAGO
Mark Loveless is the new community representative in the Pulaski Community Local School Council. With his election, Loveless became the first openly gay elected official in Chicago's history.

TAMPA
Nadine Smith, a co-chair of the March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Rights and Liberation, is now executive director of the Tampa Human Rights Task Force. The task force was created in response to a referendum that repealed a city ordinance adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause.

LOS ANGELES
BMX/LA has elected Arthur Crump as chair and treasurer, while D.J. Coleman was named secretary in the group's elections for the 1994 term.

WASHINGTON
Mandy Carter, a public policy advocate with the Human Rights Campaign Fund, was awarded the War Resisters League 1993 Peace Award on Oct. 16. She was honored for her service to the Peace Movement.

ATLANTA
Linda Villarosa, a senior editor at *Essence* magazine, was a guest lecturer at Emory University on Nov. 18. The topic of her lecture was "Black, Gay and Out."

PITTSBURGH
Bart Casimir, an AIDS activist and president of the board of directors of the National Association of People with AIDS; and Sandra McDonald, founder and executive director of Outreach, Inc., are two new members of the Stadlanders Foundation National AIDS Community Advisory Board.

FALLS CHURCH, Va.
Rev. Darlene Garner was elected to the Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, making her MCC's first elder of African heritage. She was formerly the executive director of the Philadelphia Mayor's Commission on Sexual Minorities.

MANCHESTER, England
"It's Queer Up North," the second annual lesbian and gay arts festival featured African American performance artist Pamela Sneed.

SAN FRANCISCO
Christina Salat and Sarita Johnson-Calvo read from and signed their works in a program at Old Wives Tales on Nov. 14. Both authors write children's books featuring strong female characters.

SAN FRANCISCO
Graylin Thornton became the first black man to be named Mr. International Drummer for 1993/1994 when he won the title last September. He was formerly Mr. Northern California Drummer.

MILWAUKEE
Earvin "Magic" Johnson

Veneita Porter

Rev. Darlene Garner

Jewel Thais-Williams

was the honorary co-chair for the fourth annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk. The event, held Sept. 26, was dubbed "A Year of Magic."

OAKLAND
Valerie Papaya-Mann is the executive director of AIDS Project of the East Bay where she is believed to be the only openly lesbian African-American woman heading an AIDS service organization.

SAN ANSELMO, Calif.
Veneita Porter has been named executive director of Spectrum, Marin County's primary lesbian and gay social service agency.

SAN FRANCISCO
Donald Tarver has been promoted to the position of medical director at the Westside Community Mental Health Center's Outpatient and Crisis Center.

BOSTON
Writer/essayist Jewelle Gomez and science-fiction writer Samuel R. Delany were keynote speakers at OutWrite '93, the lesbian and gay writer's conference held in October.

LOS ANGELES
Lorraine Hansberry and James Baldwin were both honored posthumously by the Writers Guild of America/West. They were cited for their pioneering efforts in breaking the color barriers as African American writers.

LOS ANGELES
Jewel Thaïs-Williams was honored by the Van Nuys Recovery House with its Business Champion Award.

ASBURY PARK, N.J.
Isaiah J. Poole is the new features copy editor at the Asbury Park Press.

NEW YORK
William A. Peters has been appointed director of development for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

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Mandy Carter

She's bold. She takes risks.

by Frankie Lennon

If you scan the national horizon for political activists in the lesbian and gay rights movement, Mandy Carter stands out as one of the few highly-placed African American lesbians. Positioned in the upper echelons of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, one of the two leading national lesbian and gay political lobbying organizations, she is in the thick of the national battle to introduce and pass the Civil Rights Bill of 1994 that would protect lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from discrimination based on sexual orientation. As a Public Policy Advocate for HRCF in Washington, D.C., Carter has a seat at the Big Table where strategies are devised and tactics developed. She helps to mobilize constituencies and build coalitions with the ultimate aim of gaining Congressional support.

To the rank and file, this may seem like a strange place to find an out, black lesbian. But from Carter's vantage point, it is a familiar place to be. It's home ground. Mandy Carter has worked in grassroots organizing over the last 25 years in almost every major geographic region of the United States. She is a veteran political activist.

"I am someone who has been living my life trying to make change for the better of all," she says. "I am committed to standing up for rights, fighting oppression and taking risks."

Whether she brings her talents into an agenda that is focused on lesbian and gay issues, political action, social justice, civil rights or war resistance, Carter's consummate skills at coalition building and community mobilization have gained her an enviable and solid track record. And most recently, the range of her lifelong activism has been extended to encompass work on issues at the national level.

It was in North Carolina that Carter earned a national reputation as leader, prime mover and builder of coalitions. Four years ago, she organized and directed North Carolina Senate Vote '90, a political action committee mobilizing lesbians and gay men to work for the Senate election of black candidate Harvey Gantt and the defeat of anti-gay incumbent, Jesse Helms. Her work as director of Senate Vote '90 catapulted her from statewide notability into the national spotlight. Already known in Durham, N.C. for her finesse in building bridges between community activists with obstensibly incompatible agendas, Carter was instrumental in making the participation of the lesbian and gay community visible statewide. It was also not lost on activists and politicians around the nation that the lesbian and gay community was a significant force in the battle that nearly toppled Helms. Senate Vote '90 was a watershed for both Carter's future and that of North Carolina politics.

As an activist, Carter has the reputation of being unafraid to push for doing what hasn't been done before and succeeding. In the theater of national politics that kind of fearlessness can be both a curse and a blessing. Yet, that trait in Carter may, in-

deed, make her a bellwether among emerging leaders from lesbian and gay communities of color.

Although she is a modest woman who deflects questions about whether she is perceived as a "public" leader, one glance at a list of her activities reveals that she is, in fact, a discernible presence in the tapestry of leadership.

Carter has said that she believes people are perceived as leaders as a result of their having "reputations for risk-taking, integrity and the willingness to put in time. When the community sees you investing time and heart and soul in something, putting yourself on the line, it cannot help but give you credibility."

A partial list of her activities speaks volumes about her credibility with fellow activists and community leaders. She is on the board of governors of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum and a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Pride Political Action Committee for Lesbian and Gay Equality. She is also a member of the politically notable D. C. Coalition of Black Lesbians, Gay Men and Bisexuals. In 1993, she was co-chair of the 1993 Bayard Rustin Commemorative Alliance of the 30th Anniversary Celebration of historic 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington, and held two important positions with the 1993 National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation: National Steering Committee member and People of Color Caucus member. This year, she will play an important role as one of the seven Executive Committee members of the 1994 Stonewall 25 International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People.

The average person would likely drop of exhaustion from this sort of killer pace. But Carter seems to draw strength and resolve from this whirlwind mix of high pressure and spirited enterprise. She has chosen a vocation that calls for equal parts of faith, energy, diligence and nerves of steel. It may be a fascinating life to lead, but it cannot be an easy one.

"It's in my blood," she says, explaining why she's drawn to this sort of work. "I feel destined to be doing this."

And she's a good organizer.

"A good organizer has to be a risk-taker, a person with a sense of vision and a person who knows how to empower others," Carter says. "Whenever I do something, the cause is what I promote. That, and empowering others to do the same thing."

Mandy Carter was born in Albany, N.Y. and raised in two orphanages and a foster home until she turned 18.

"I never had one-on-one parenting," she reminisces. "There was no opportunity to identify myself as unique or have that idea conveyed to me from a parental figure. With so many of us in the home, it was about being competitive to stand out from the crowd and be noticed."

If you didn't take initiative, nothing happened. You had to make things happen.

But it was just these sort of experiences that would have a significant impact on her personal vision and help determine the kind of activist she would become.

"A couple of things that define me as an activist are holdovers from my days of being in the orphanage," she says firmly. "If you didn't take initiative, nothing happened. You had to make things happen. And having learned that affects the attitude I take to my work in organizing. I also developed a no-one's-ever-done-this-before-so-let's-try-this attitude that's shown up in my work over the years. Another holdover is an incredible sense of self-reliance and self-worth that translates into a sense of determination. I say to myself, 'I am somebody and this will get done. I don't care if there's anyone behind me who's going to follow me doing this, but dammit I'm going to make it happen.' And I think that's what tends to happen to some of us who were raised in homes. Unfortunately, some didn't take that attitude. But those like me tended to become survivors. We know how to get out there and make do, because there's nothing to fall back on."

Initiative, determination, self-reliance, a positive sense of self-worth and a lack of fear about taking risks–these character traits served Carter well when she dropped out of Hudson Valley College after one year. With only $85 in savings and no idea where she would live or find a job, the summer of 1967 saw her board a bus for the center of it all: New York City. Once there, Carter's life took on a gypsy-like quality.

"I ran out of money and slept in Central Park until I happened upon Timothy Leary's storefront, League for Spiritual Discovery," she says. "I went in and asked if I could answer phones in exchange for food and a couch to sleep on. They agreed, and I stayed there the whole summer. It was the height of the hippie, flower-child movement–a fascinating time to be in New York. Near the end of the summer, I met some people who were migrating to San Francisco. I went with them."

In San Francisco, the hand of Destiny becomes evident in Carter's life. She landed on the doorstep of Vince O'Connor, a draft resistance activist who was involved in protest actions against Vietnam. As a boarder in his home, she was exposed to an environment that helped germinate a seed planted in the back of her mind a few years back.

"At Vince's, I got my second exposure to non-violence as a concept and strategy. It was being put into action by these people who were in the Draft Resistance Movement. I guess the seeds were planted when I was first exposed to the idea by some Quakers who came to my high school. Something about these ideas–working for change, activism, non-violence intrigued me," says Carter.

Through O'Connor and other activists, Carter found out about the Institute for the Study of Non-Violence. She applied and was accepted.

"It was there that I got my educational background and formal training in the theory and practice of non-violence, civil disobedience and civil rights as Ghandi and Dr. King practiced these ideas. The reason I never got hooked into the Black Civil Rights Movement was because I was too young. I wasn't at the right place in the right time. I missed out on it," she laments.

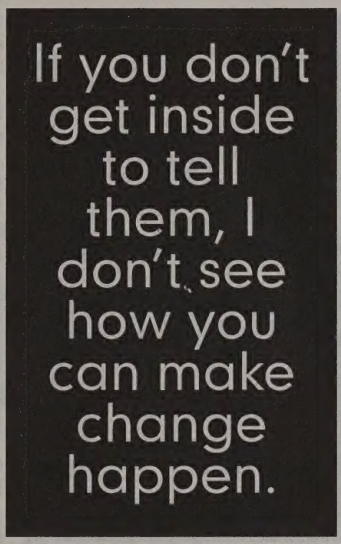
But she didn't miss out on the *other* defining social movement of the times–war resistance. After her formal training, Carter began what would become the groundwork for her career. As a volunteer with the War Resister's League, she learned how to mobilize and organize people. She learned strategy and tactics. And she learned logistics. When the men in the organization were arrested and jailed for draft resistance, Carter and the other women stepped seamlessly into their jobs. Once more, Fate appears to have played no small part in the direction Carter's life was taking.

Working with the War Resister's League over the years, first, in the San Francisco-Oakland area, then in Los Angeles, solidified Carter's skills and professional know-how. But exhaustion and burnout overtook her after singlehandedly running the League's Los Angeles office for three years, coupled with raising funds to keep the doors open and organizing volunteers. Thinking she would take a break from the demanding pace of activism, Carter moved back to San Francisco in 1977. Destiny, however, had a different idea. Her vocation as an organizer-activist was going to take an unexpected turn for she was returning to San Francisco at a propitious time.

Once in the Bay area, Carter took a job that put her at two central bars in the lesbian community–Maude's and Amelia's. Both were owned by Rikki Streicher, a mover and shaker in the women's community. During those days, according to Carter, it was from the bars that the lesbian and gay community organized its emerging political events as well as its more seasoned social events. Streicher became a mentor to Carter and provided her with the opportunity to be in on the first stages of political activism for the lesbian and gay community.

"Rikki felt a bar was more than a place to drink," Carter explains. "It was a place where women gathered and it was the center of activity. She would encourage me to sit in on these meetings to plan things like the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. I was able to use my organizing skills and I became more and more drawn into doing things in the community."

Carter remained in San Francisco working in the lesbian and gay communities until 1982 when she resumed her career's calling at WRL-Southeast in Durham, N.C. There, her community involvement and professional life began to reflect a pluralistic commitment in social and political activism. Aside from her work with WRL, she helped to organize North Carolina's Gay and Lesbian Pride March, found time to bring lesbian and gay performers to the area, and, for four years, produced Rhythmfest. She participated in the protest organized by the black community against the public television station's refusal to air Marlon Riggs's award-winning, *Tongues Untied*, and she was one of the founders of Umoja, an open community of lesbians and gay men of African descent, that was spawned by the protest. Out of these involvements, Carter wove a statewide network of personal contacts that came in handy for Senate Vote '90.



In May of 1989, before knowing who the opposition would be to gay-baiting Jesse Helms, Carter participated in a meeting of lesbians and gay men to discuss the upcoming Senate race. The group eventually organized an independent expenditure campaign called Senate Vote '90 to do voter education and voter registration. Carter was its director. Because of federal elections laws, that political action committee was not, contrary to popular belief, a part of Harvey Gantt's campaign. In fact, the law would not allow the PAC to contribute directly to his campaign or coordinate their efforts with Gantt's people.

The efforts of their PAC had a twin thrust: to conduct a high profile voter education campaign targeting the lesbian and gay communities to make them aware of the importance of their vote and to organize an all-out effort to bring voter registration numbers up to a much higher level. Past voter participation in the lesbian and gay communities had been low. Under Carter's guiding hand, the highly visible Senate Vote '90 commanded the attention of not only the nation's media for its groundbreaking work in the South, but also the attention of the state Democratic Party because of the $250,000 that had been raised for voter registration and the 10,000 voters that had been signed up.

Having played a large part in *almost* slaying the dragon, Carter's stock went up within political and activist circles. Her past achievements and recent successes added up to an impressive record. Such a record indicated that her kind of skills raised political activism to levels of professionalism and distinction. When the offer came in from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Carter was again at a transitional point. Senate Vote '90 was over and Destiny was posing her a choice. Should she step up to the big league or not?

"While I was wrestling with my decision to come to HRCF, I came to this conclusion: The social change movement I had cut my teeth on was going to go on with or without me. But the emerging lesbian and gay

movement was going to need more 'out' black gays and lesbians."

Some looked askance at the offer from a white organization with a less-than-flattering reputation in African American lesbian and gay communities. Depending on who is doing the talking, HRCF had been variously charged with (a) having an unwritten policy of benign neglect toward people of color; (b) insensitive disregard on people of color issues; (c) being downright racist; or (d) all of the above. Carter's decision took all this into account. But she also had to question where she could do her best work as an 'out' black lesbian. And the HRCF position was a job she really wanted.

"Think about this," she says. "In this country, to my knowledge, no national African American gay and lesbian organization had the capacity to hire staff at the time. If I wanted to step up a notch in my career, which was–and is–political organizing and activism, and make a living while working in the gay community, HRCF was one of the two national organizations I could choose to work for."

"Why is it that the African American gay community doesn't, in the mid-'90s, have a national organization on the level of HRCF or the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force with the capacity to pay staff for their work as professionals? We need to be doing something about that," she continues.

Even today there aren't any black lesbian and gay political organizations staffed by fulltime paid professionals whose focus is *not* AIDS.

"I thought about all of that when I was making up my mind. Where were my choices in the African American gay communities? I looked at where all of our incredible people of color activists were and saw that most of them were at agencies that do AIDS-related work. If you were not into activist organizing, but you wanted to be of service to the community while making a living, you'd go in that direction. But because of who I am and what I love to do, I felt I would not be able to give the best I had in AIDS-related work. But that's where most people ended up going because they paid a wage," says Carter.

With characteristic boldness of spirit, Carter decided to go for the Big League, in spite of the naysayers. It is a mark of her personality that she is a woman who is not afraid of going against the grain if she thinks the risk is worth taking.

"One other thing influenced my decision to go to HRCF," she says. "I believe in the notion that you can challenge white folk, challenge the assumptions of power and decision-making. But if you're standing on the outside of the door, banging on it and telling them, 'You're wrong,' if you don't get on the inside to tell them, 'This is how it can happen,' then, I don't see how you can make change happen."

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Has her being there made a difference? Some might say no. But Carter thinks it has.

She and Charles Tarver are the only two African Americans in decision-making HRCF staff positions from the lesbian and gay community. Both are Public Policy Advocates whose daily work is lobbying Congressional delegates on Capitol Hill, monitoring their votes and working with the lawmakers' constituents back home. Both interact with the Congressional Black Caucus in the effort to gain their backing for the Civil Rights Bill of 1994. Carter feels their presence is important at HRCF.

"When national strategy is being planned about how to counter the inroads being made by the religious right into the black community and its churches, we are on the inside saying, 'This is how and where we need to be plugging into networks in the black community to form alliances.' Without us there at the table, this kind of conversation wouldn't be happening," says Carter.

Carter believes the inclusion of everyone at all levels of the movement is important.

"Whenever we work on projects," she says, "we should realize who's not there and try to fill that seat. I would like to see a truly multi-racial movement that includes bisexuals and transgendered people." It is Carter's opinion that we must not only see to it that our movement reflects the diversity in our communities, but we must also be vigilant about preserving the legacy of diversity which will be celebrated at Stonewall 25 this year. "We must make sure that history doesn't get rewritten with this celebration. Over the years, I think, people have remembered the drag queens and the bar, but they don't remember that the drag queens were black and Puerto Rican. People of color have a legacy here that we absolutely cannot let others forget or rewrite."

The thing that weighs heavily on Carter's mind these days is fighting the religious right. Meetings are happening and strategies are being put in place. She is hoping that out of the seventh annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum there will be an announcement "about the role the black lesbian, gay and bisexual community will play in what will end up being an incredible fight with the religious right. They're having no qualms about being bold and going into the black church, saying homosexuality is wrong. They're going to fight against the Civil Rights Bill. This struggle is going to give us the opportunity to do some actual coalition work. But we've absolutely got to come out standing strong to serve them notice. We're the ones that have to make this work happen. Sometimes you have to be bold and take a risk."

Sometimes you have to be bold and take a risk. It is an axiom that Mandy Carter has lived.

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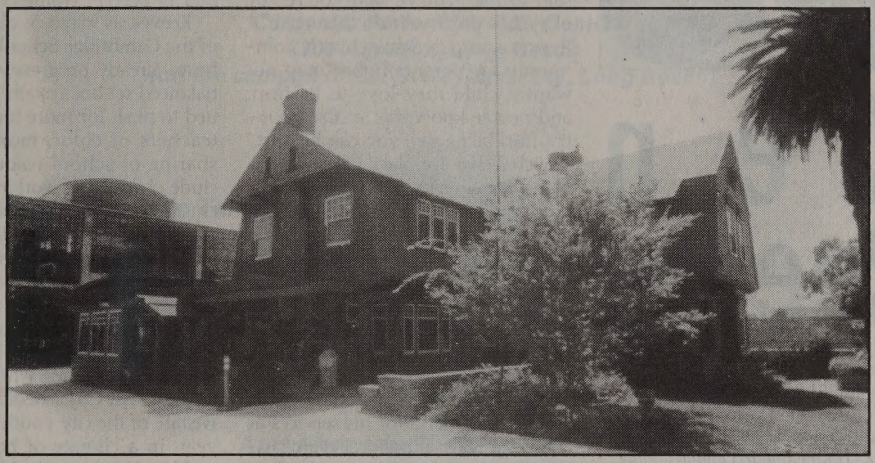

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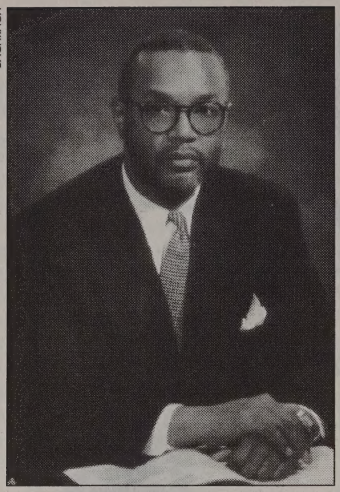
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Ken Reeves

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munity is more homophobic than the white community," he told BLK. "But my personal experience has been that the presumably conservative black church community, perceived as most hostile, has been unable to reject me as some sort of imagined deviate because they actually know me, and they know that's not who I am."

Reeves, an active member in Cambridge's St. Paul A.M.E. Church, noted that the "reality of AIDS has taught the black church that a lot more goes on in life than can be denied, and that be it an AIDS death from IV drug use or indiscriminate straight or gay sex, the church can't reject them all, and in fact, shouldn't reject anybody. The whole black community can't have died of pneumonia, somebody has to tell the truth."

A recent visit to the black gay Unity Fellowship Church in New York demonstrated to Reeves that the black church must open up to its lesbian and gay members. "The Church will come around, because if every black gay and lesbian left the church, the choir would be quiet, there would be no drums, there would be no piano playing, and we would even lose quite a few of our deacons."

Reeves's own church community responded to his announcement with both "love and denial." On one hand, everyone knew, but on the other hand, no one wanted to discuss it. He laughed, "It's like they've said to me, 'You've said you're gay okay, but don't ever do that again.' " Reeves compared his church community to "parents [who] may not want a child they love to be hurt, and people know that in this country, [for] being gay, you can be hurt." The challenge for black gays and lesbians, Reeves says, is to reject this as a community response. "We must continue to be ourselves and find our own way of acting up, whether we call people on their homophobic remarks or we insist on connecting civil rights to gay rights, both of which are unfinished struggles."

Reeves's heightened visibility as a leader within the gay community has led to the demand for his services as a guest speaker at political events like the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights and Liberation and the more recent activities commemorating the 30th anniversary of Bayard Rustin's participation in Martin Luther King's March on Washington. He feels that "the black gay voice must emerge, not solely from one or two or ten people, but from the thousands and millions of black gay voices. We play a very important role in the gay community and the African-American community, but it's a very hard role to play in silence."

On Being a Leader

KEN REEVES HAS CAST his own role as a mayor who brings the city's different groups together. After a month in office, he brought together neighborhood activists and local businesses to settle a 14-year battle over affordable housing in the business-zoned area of Cambridgeport. Each side signed a document that provided for both affordable housing and the development of an industrial park in the area.

"I enjoy bringing different groups together to work through a particular issue, although they might not always enjoy coming together at first," he quipped. Reeves and the council have also backed a local ordinance, still pending, under which 50 percent of workers on Cambridge construction projects would be city residents, with 25 percent minority residents and 10 percent women residents.

Reeves, as mayor is also chairman of the Cambridge School Committee. In an already progressively racially-balanced school system, he's continued to push for more hiring of more teachers of color, more equitable sharing of school resources to include children of working class parents, and he has for some time targeted young men of color as at-risk in the educational system, co-founding in March of '91 the William E. DuBois Academy, which is based at the Cambridge Community Center and enrolls 90 minority kids in third through sixth grade who attend Saturday classes. His dedication to the welfare of the city youth is clear. Last year, in a climate of both national and local budget cuts, Mayor Reeves proposed that one of the city's only budget increases be a doubling of funds to increase the number of summer jobs for city youth from 185 to 300.

The *Boston Globe* editorialized in April 1992 that after only four months in office, "Cambridge already has benefitted from the electorate's, and the council's wisdom in giving Reeves a chance to show that he truly is the much-needed mayor of inclusion."

But this accomplished public servant does not yet consider himself a black gay leader. "I should think that a person who could be considered such is someone who has spent a great deal of time thinking about and working to improve the plight of gay black men and lesbians. One could, but doesn't necessarily, mean the other. I think I have 'movement' credentials, but I have a lot to learn, and I want to hear so much."

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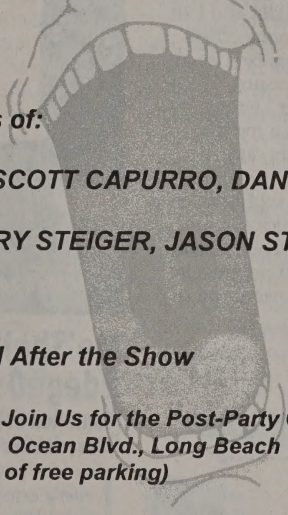

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Joshua Redman

Wish (Warner Bros.)

More than enough space has been given to continual talk about the "young lions" of jazz. Seemingly with more exposure comes higher expectations. There is no shortage of high standards to be found on *Wish*, Joshua Redman's second set for Warner Bros. Although Redman has only been recording for two years, this album represents a fulfillment of a wish for him. He has assembled a cast of veterans to form a brilliant quartet: Billy Higgins on drums, Charlie Haden on bass and fusion guitarist Pat Metheny. All this in addition to Redman's studied, maturely crafted tenor saxophone.

Three of the album's ten tracks are original Redman compositions, and two lovingly executed contemporary covers (Stevie Wonder's "Make Sure You're Sure" from the *Jungle Fever* soundtrack, and Eric Clapton's "Tears In Heaven") are also added to the mix.

This talented child of noted saxophonist Dewey Redman was born in Berkeley, Calif., and educated at Harvard. On his way to Yale Law School, he decided to take a break and pursue his career in jazz. Not surprisingly, given the fact he grew up listening to John Coltrane, Aretha Franklin and Otis Redding, among others.

Wish is an exercise in listening pleasure. "We Had A Sister," written by Metheny, is a mellow, encompassing tune. Redman's own "Soul Dance" is a sophisticated, soothing musical journey. One hopes that Redman continues to progress in the long career ahead of him.

Joshua Redman

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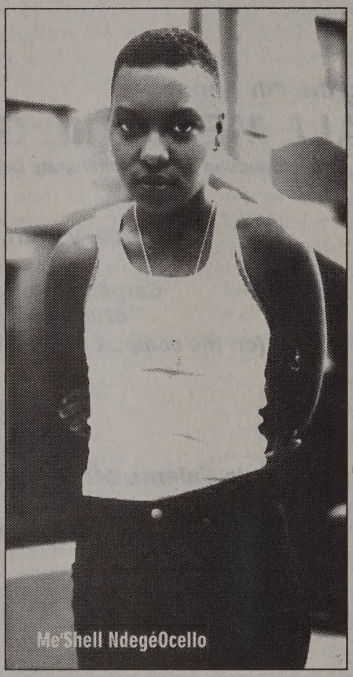

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Plantation Lullabies (Maverick/Warner)

It's nice to know that every once in a while, in addition to the same-sounding music that floods the radio airwaves, it is possible to come across a truly creative album that sounds like someone actually sat down and thought about it. That album is *Plantation Lullabies*.

Me'Shell (say the last name n-Day-gay-o-Chell-o, which is Swahili for "free like à bird") has put together an album that perfectly blends the energies of hip hop, R&B, rebellious funk and smooth jazz. Although she was born in Germany, Me'Shell grew up in Washington. D.C., in a house full of music (her father and older brother are musicians). Her passions (politics, love, advancing our people) are evident on every cut, each with its own hip musical soundtrack.

When we met in San Francisco to discuss the album, Me'Shell's small stature was a surprising complement to her deep, sensual voice and creative intensity. "All [musical] styles are imbedded in my frame of reference," she said. "Each song is like a skit." And every "skit" packs a soulful punch.

The spare, instrumental title cut leads you to such high points as the spunky, completely jammin' "If That Was Your Boyfriend (He Wasn't Last Night)," the beautifully emotional "Sweet Love," and the retro funk of "I'm Diggin' You (Like An Old Soul Record)." Quite simply, *Plantation Lullabies* is all that and a bag of chips!

Don't be afraid to stare brilliance in the face.

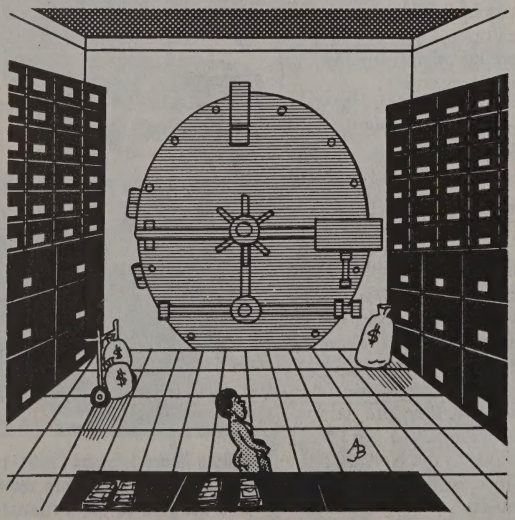
BOOKS

By Terrance Evans

This is the first in a series of articles that will appear in BLK in the coming months surveying contemporary written materials of interest to the black lesbian and gay community. It is an arduous and painstaking task–and one that will quite likely be incomplete. But ya can't blame a guy for tryin.' Writers and publishers: please feel free to make us aware of your works. And we wholeheartedly welcome suggestions from our readers.

This is not about evaluation or critique. It's about creating the most comprehensive listing possible. Many of the titles included are not solely black lesbian or gay oriented, but do make some noteworthy references to our lives, or contain quotes by black lesbians or gay men.

In Our Own Image: The Art of Black Male Photography (Vega Press), is a body of work from seven black male photographers native to different parts of the U.S. and London, each striving to present more positive impressions of the black man.....*Black and White,* Norman Hatton's album of erotic photos features both ebony and ivory skinned models with decidedly male musculature whom the author encountered during his broad travel experience..... *Diary of a Young Soul Rebel* (Indiana University Press) includes the full movie script of the 1991 Cannes Film Festival Critics' Week Prize winning independent production from black British film makers Isaac Julien and Colin MacCabe, with accounts of the turbulent process of completing the film.....A depiction of black gay romance in South London, *Black Butterflies* (Gay Men's Press) by John R. Gordon tells a tale of male love lost to tragic death and eventually found again in the arms of a struggling artist.....Little Richard, Billie Holiday, Prince, and Whitney Houston are among the artists noted in Boze Hadleigh's acknowledgement of lesbian and gay contributions to the music industry, *The Vinyl Closet: Gays in the Music World* (Los Hombres)..... Kate Rushin explores the various issues related to her life as a black lesbian poet and feminist in her first book of poetry, *The Black Back-Ups* (Firebrand) .....A collection of 60 poems by poet, folk artist, and educator Carl Cook, *The Tranquil Lake of Love: Love Letters* (Vega Press) contemplates the aspects of an intense relationship .....Christina Salat, a self-described "lesbian of mixed African descent" deals with the very sensitive issues involved in gay parenting and racism in her first novel, *Living in Secret* (Bantam/Skylark)..... Recent books from African-American lesbian writer Jewelle Gomez are: the Lambda award winning *The Gilda Stories* (Firebrand), a black lesbian vampire tale, and her latest book, *Forty-Three Septembers,* a collection of essays that explore her relationships with the men and women of her family, gay men, and the current political and literary environment.....A short story by Gomez, "Louisiana 1850" is included in the lesbian vampire collection, *Daughters of Darkness* (Cleis Press) edited by Pam Keesey.....Hugo and Nebula award winning science fiction writer Samuel R. Delany's *Tales of Neveryon* and *Neveryona* (both from Wesleyan/New England), which have previously been unavailable in the U.S., are the first two volumes of the four-volume series, "Return to Neveryon" .....Two-time Lambda nominee Nikki Baker is back with *Long Goodbyes* (Naiad Press), her third story in the Virginia Kelly mystery series. Heroine Ginny, the African-American lesbian detective is entangled in yet another murder mystery. Baker's debut, *In the Game* (Naiad Press) involved our heroine solving the murder of her best friend's girlfriend, while dealing with her own confusion about her relationship with a long-term lover. The second in the series, *The Lavender House Murder* (Naiad Press) focuses on the murder of a writer known for "outing" the rich and famous .....*Let the Dead Bury Their Dead* (Jovanovich) by Randall Kenan, which includes the stories of black and white, rich and poor people dealing with the issues of gay life, and the late Audre Lorde's *Undersong* (W. W. Norton) are among the winners in the 1993 Lambda Literary Awards.... A collection of verse focusing on gays' ultimate liberation, *Here to Dare: 10 Gay Black Poets* (Galiens Press) is edited by Assotto Saint.



"Somehow, Martha, I think a dental dam is more what they had in mind."

ART

While much has been written about the writers, musicians and entertainers who emerged during that extraordinary outburst of creativity by African American artists during the '20s and '30s known as the Harlem Renaissance, few visual artists have received the recognition bestowed upon their comrades.

The little known story of this almost forgotten group of visual artists is told in *Against the Odds: The Artists of the Harlem Renaissance,* a hour-long documentary premiering Feb. 16 on PBS. Narrated by Joe Morton, the program weaves the stunning original works of dozens of visual artists of the era, rare archival footage and first-person accounts by three surviving artists, creating a rich fusion of art and history. Langston Hughes-biographer Arnold Rampersad and historian Clement Price, among others, provide commentary.

Against the Odds was inspired by an exhibition at the Newark Museum in Newark, N.J., that brought together, for the first time in over half a century, more than 130 paintings, prints, photographs, and sculptures by black artists who worked under the auspices of the William E. Harmon Foundation. In reviewing the show, the *New York Times* praised the exhibition "that does honor to the Newark Museum, and to the museum profession in general....*Against the Odds* introduces us to a number of black artists whose work few visitors will be familiar. Yet these artists are as deserving of our admiration as many of their white contemporaries who are now much touted in the auction rooms and in the dealers' galleries."

Racial prejudice and segregation, however, not only kept them out of mainstream museums and galleries where they could show and sell their art, but threatened the very core of their artistic expression. Providing support for some of these artists was Alain Locke, a professor of philosophy at Howard University, who, in 1926, edited the groundbreaking anthology, *The New Negro,* which brought international attention to Harlem's cultural rebirth. As an extremely influential art and literary critic who was known to be gay, Locke was able to channel patronage of a few visual artists through the Harmon Foundation and its annual "Exhibitions of Negro Art."

This philanthropy, founded by the inventor of the suburban subdivision, served as an unlikely, but remarkable open door for Harlem Renaissance artists. The Harmon Foundation provided black artists both a showcase and a marketplace, and soon became a dominant force in African American art. By the mid-'30s, however, harsh economic realities of the day forced the Harmon Foundation to get out of the art business, leaving the artists largely forgotten until the recent Newark Museum showing.

William Henry Johnson (1901-1970) was critically acclaimed but died in poverty. More than a thousand of his paintings were donated to the National Museum of American art in Washington, D.C., by the William E. Harmon Foundation, his primary patron.

From the wildly diverse works black artists painted, drew, sculpted, and photographed, to the negative stereotypes civil rights leaders like W.E.B. DuBois fought to change, *Against the Odds* offers a compelling history of African American images. Among the artists whose work is featured are Augusta Savage, Aaron Douglas, William Henry Johnson, Allen Crite, James Porter and Hale Woodruff.

Richmond Barthe, who was one of a significant group of black lesbians and gay men who participated in the Harlem Renaissance, is also featured in *Against the Odds,* although his sexuality is not mentioned.

Against the Odds is a story of triumph, a celebration of the power of personal expression to overcome prejudice and discrimination. "You don't have to be black to be blessed by black creativity," historian Clement Price concludes at the end of the program. "All Americas are blessed–that this country, despite itself, was able to produce these artists."

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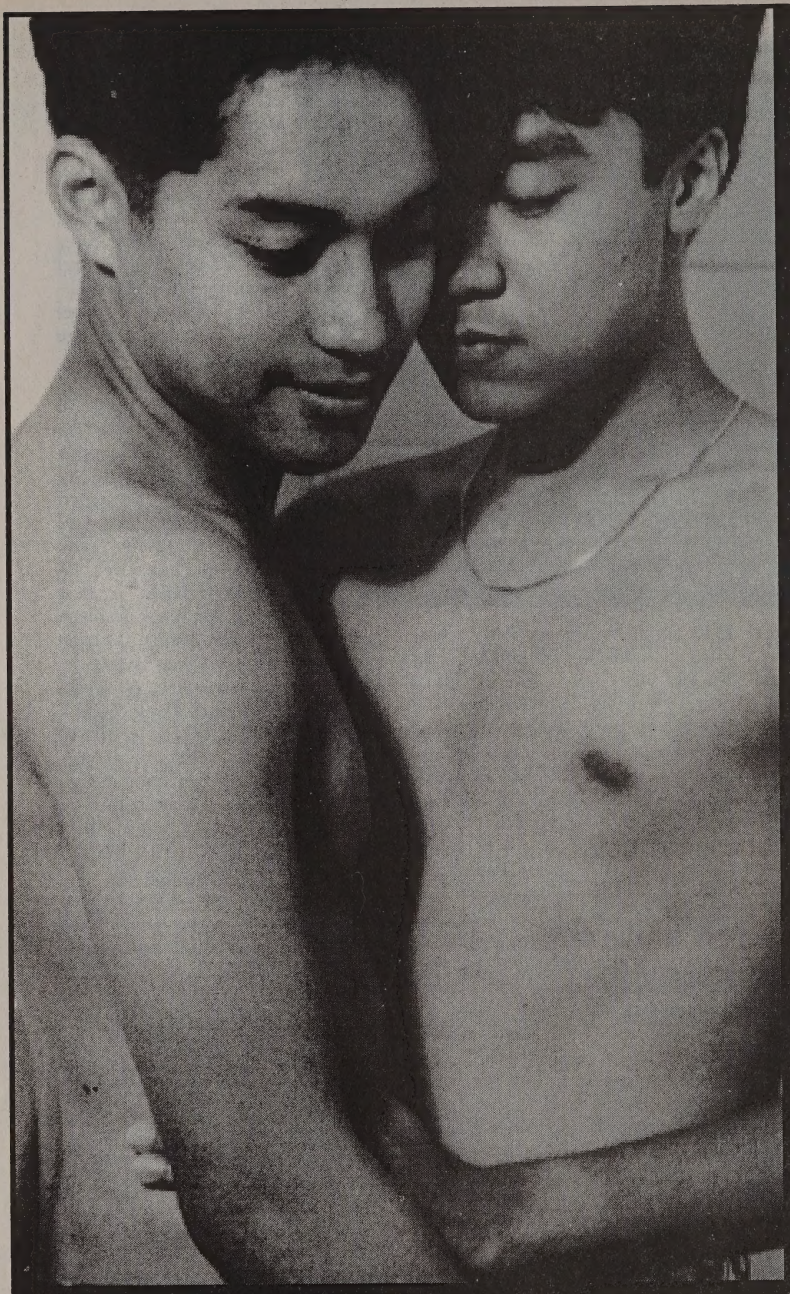
BLK BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES: James Loyce, the former associate director of San Francisco's Department of Public Health, has been tapped as executive director of AIDS Project Los Angeles. **NEW ORLEANS:** "AIDS and the Black Church" was one of the many institutes offered at the recent National Skills Building Conference. Sponsored by the National Minority AIDS Council, the National Association of People With AIDS and the AIDS National Interfaith Network, the conference hosted the largest gathering of AIDS service workers in the nation. **CHICAGO:** The Literary Exchange, an arts and advocacy group for women of color hosted a Women's Community Healthfest Oct. 9. at Malcolm X College. **BIRMINGHAM:** Lesbians and Gays of Color celebrated their first anniversary with a gathering on Nov. 21. **NEW YORK:** Lavender Light Gospel Choir and Opera Ebony were among the performers honoring Cab Calloway, Eartha Kitt and Harold Nicholas in "Music AIDS Harlem." The tribute, held Nov. 15 at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, was a benefit for The Upper Room AIDS Ministry. **LONDON:** Europe's first Black Lesbian and Gay Centre has opened in quarters that have been converted from railway arches. **MILWAUKEE:** LOC Women of Color held their "Mistletoe Dash Womyn's Dance" at Lake Park Pavilion Dec. 11. **BOSTON:** Posthumous tributes were held for Melvin Dixon and Audre Lorde, both of whom died last fall, at OutWrite '93, the national writer's conference held in October. **NEW HAVEN:** "Women Building Community: Crossing the Boundaries of Race, Religion, Class, Gender..." was the theme of the third annual Women's Studies Conference at Southern Connecticut State University. Author Patricia Hill Collins keynoted and Deidre McCalla was the special musical guest. **AUSTIN:** The UFUNDI Awards for Outstanding Contributions to African American Arts were presented by the Progressive Arts Collective. Ebony Connection hosted a reception for the recipients following the Dec. 5 presentation. **LOS ANGELES:** The Carl Bean AIDS Care Center, a 25-bed hospice, was awarded a 1993 Preservation Award from the Los Angeles Conservancy. The award was made for "renovation and reuse" of the craftsman style Wells-Halliday Mansion in the historic West Adams district. **NEWARK:** The New Jersey Supreme Court denied Gregory Smith's appeal of his conviction for attempted murder in an incident involving the biting of a prison guard at Trenton State Prison. Smith, who is HIV positive, is serving 12-to-25 years in Northern State Prison for the offense. **JOHANNESBURG:** Zinzi Mandela Hlongwane of the African National Congress addressed the crowd gathered for the fourth annual Lesbian and Gay Pride March on Oct. 9. **SEATTLE:** 4 Big Girls, the African American comedy troupe provided big laughs at the Seattle Fat Women's Gathering. **NEW YORK:** In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, Sasha Vington is organizing a contingent of transgender, bisexual, lesbian and gay people of African descent to march at New York's Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade in June. The new group is called National Academic Congress and can be reached at 212-686-1789. **CHICAGO:** Domestic violence in the lesbian community was the subject of a recently taped segment of the Bertice Berry Show. **MINNEAPOLIS:** Philadelphia-based performance artist Xavier Leonard presented his *Power Tools*, which explores the consequences of domestic violence and voyeurism, at the Pillsbury House Theater Oct. 10. **ATLANTA:** Approximately 70 people attended the African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance Awards honoring activist Joan Garner. Pat Hussain, a co-chair of the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights and Liberation keynoted the Oct. 9 event. **LOS ANGELES:** "Sistah Action," an evening of videos exploring issues of concern to African American lesbians was presented at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center on Dec. 3. The evening was sponsored by United Lesbians of African Heritage and the Gay and Lesbian Media Coalition. **NEW YORK:** Comic Karen Williams emceed and poet Cheryl Clarke read at the Lesbian Writers Fund Gala held Oct. 18 at the Union Square Theater.

"You remember Thelma's faggot son? Well, the delicate little sweetie and his boyfriend are coming over."

Nell Carter (center) accepts $15,000 from Schlitz Malt Liquor on behalf of AmFAR. Schlitz brand Director Ed Boyce (right) and comedian Speedy look on.

NEW YORK: Other Countries hosted a book party for the new anthology *Sojourner: Black Gay Voices in the Age of AIDS* at Center of the Rainbow on Nov. 10. **BOSTON:** The AIDS Action Committee and the Multicultural AIDS coalition have joined forces to present Brother to Brother, a series of workshops exploring the black gay male identity. Call 617-437-6200 for more information on the continuing workshops held at Harriet Tubman House. **ST. LOUIS:** In an address to a joint meeting of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ, Nobel Peace prize-winning South African Episcopal Archbishop Desmond Tutu has called on clergy to take a stand against discrimination "on the basis of race, culture, gender or sexual orientation." **NAIROBI:** A report by the United Nations Development Program estimates that five million Kenyans will die of AIDS by the year 2000. Estimating that ten percent of the country's population is HIV-positive, the report calls for an additional 80,000 beds to accommodate new AIDS patients. **OKLAHOMA CITY:** Local chapters of the NAACP and the Urban League have come out in support of the lesbian and gay community's proposed revision of the existing human rights ordinance to include equal rights protection for all of the city's residents. **SEATTLE:** The New Alliance Party sponsored a public forum, entitled "Can Blacks and Gays Unite to Fight Attacks on Civil and Democratic Rights?" to rally against increased anti-lesbian and gay legislation by the state's far right. **CLEVELAND:** *Dreams of Passion*, a story of intimacy and desire between two African American women, was one of the shorts screened at the Multicultural Womyn's Film Festival, held at Hard-Hatted Women on Nov. 13. **LOS ANGELES:** The board of directors of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum have unanimously adopted a policy denouncing pedophilia. The statement was issued in response to recent controversy surrounding the International Lesbian and Gay Association's move to oust the North American Man-Boy Love Association from its membership roster because their alliance endangers ILGA's newly acquired consultative status with the United Nations. **CHICAGO:** Homopalooza '93, a benefit to raise funds for the Lesbian and Gay Community Center, featured the debut of Karen Hutt's performance piece *Who's Afraid of a Butch Black Dyke.* **MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay:** The Progressive Republican Party, made up largely of ex-police officers, former military men, soldiers and gay men has nominated Miguel de Oxum, a transvestite priest in the Afro-Latin Umbanda cult, as its candidate for the Uruguayan Senate. **SAN DIEGO:** Navy Police raided the home of civilian Norman Furnace, 24, looking for videotaped evidence he had sex with an active duty petty officer. They found nothing. **WASHINGTON:** A festival of gospel music featuring the National African American AIDS Choir and a food drive for people of color with HIV/AIDS were a part of the third annual Christmas in My Soul program, presented by the *Black Guide* and IMPACT-DC at the Frank D. Reeves Center Dec. 19. **MILWAUKEE:** A new group for black lesbians and gay men called Ujima has been established. Their address is 1803 N. Warren Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 and their telephone is 414-277-7671. **JOHANNESBURG:** The bill of rights attached to the newly approved South African constitution includes a ban on discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. **MEMPHIS:** "A Day With BWMT" was held at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Dec. 11. The program featured a safe sex workshop, a screening and discussion of gay themed films, live entertainment and a dinner reception. **SAN FRANCISCO:** "Brothers," the interactive video designed for African American gay and bisexual men which lets viewers use touch-sensitive pictures to make the acquaintance of four video characters who provide frank discussions on HIV and AIDS, is currently installed at the Brothers Network. **PORTLAND:** Darryl Tukufu, who has been an outspoken advocate of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community as head of the local Urban League, received the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission Russell Peyton Award, before leaving that post and relocating to Ohio. **LOS ANGELES:** Nell Carter accepted a $15,000 donation from Schlitz Malt Liquor on behalf of AmFAR during the national Schlitz Malt Liquor Comedy Jam.



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BLK NEWS

By Don Thomas, Eric Washington, Mark Haile and Alan Bell

Dorian Corey's Death Leads to Mummy Find

NEW YORK–Dorian Corey, who was known as "legendary" within New York City's black transvestite demimonde, left more behind in his Harlem apartment than ermine and pearls when he died Aug. 28 of complications related to AIDS. While combing through Corey's wardrobe two months later, friends found a trunk containing a mummified corpse, in fetal position, wrapped in imitation leather.

Dorian Corey

Because the victim was not completely decayed, police were able to make a positive identification. "They embalmed him with material that blew up his fingers," explained Sergeant Hainuck of the New York Police Department, "so that they were able to fingerprint him."

The deceased, Robert Wells, had been missing since 1968, according to police. He also had an extensive criminal record for rape, burglary and assault. Wells had been fatally shot in the head about 15 years ago, they determined.

Whether Corey shot Wells or not remains a mystery. No weapon was found. "It's an ongoing investigation," Hainuck said. We don't know how the body got there."

Corey, 56, starred in the award-winning 1991 documentary *Paris Is Burning.*

Most Black Gay L.A. Okay After Major Trembler

LOS ANGELES–Most black lesbian and gay institutions came through Southern California's devastating Jan. 17 earthquake in good order although there were a few disastrous exceptions. The quake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale, hit the Los Angeles metropolitan area in the pre-dawn hours and was felt throughout much of the Southland.

As a result of the quake, centered in Northridge, just north of the city in the San Fernando Valley, more than 40 people have been confirmed dead, medical officials say that over 500 people suffered serious injuries requiring hospitalization and officials estimate costs of the damage and destruction to exceed $30 billion.

"A few books and papers fell out of cabinets and desks, but everything is okay here," said Vera Owens, chief operations officer of the Minority AIDS Project, L.A.'s largest HIV/AIDS organization targeting people of color.

But Dignity House, the HIV/AIDS shelter run by MAP, didn't fare as well. According to house manager Darric Elder, the wood and stucco house "has shifted off of its foundation and the chimney has been dislodged from the house."

Although the facility can house up to seven clients, there were only two in residence at the time of the quake. Those two have been relocated to hotels until the extent of the damage can be assessed. "There was a gas leak that was discovered later that night, but that problem has been corrected," Elder said.

Rue's House, an HIV/AIDS shelter for women and children which houses 14 residents, suffered structural damage. "We have severe cracks in the walls of the building and the chimney was dislocated," said Rue Thaïs-Williams, the shelter's founder. "Luckily, there weren't any injuries. Everyone came downstairs and huddled together until it was over." Thaïs-Williams has contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency for assistance.

Clients at the Carl Bean AIDS Care Center are housed in a structure less than two years old, built to withstand earthquakes. "The lights went out, but our backup system was in place and the emergency lights came on immediately," said Sandra McKenna, assistant director of the center." Being situated next to an oil well, staffers at the center "are well-trained for emergencies and disasters. We could have evacuated the 24 patients in a matter of moments, if it were necessary," she explained. "The building did a 'cabbage patch' dance, but there wasn't any structural damage. All is well."

At the BLK offices, two table lamps were lost and books were thrown to the floor. Except for a minor water leak, there was no structural damage.

At the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, damage was also minimal.

"A couple of doors in the building came off their hinges and a few pictures fell off the wall," said Emery Smith, acting project director of the AIDS Prevention Team, whose offices are at the BGLLF headquarters.

"There were papers strewn across a few desks, but that's it. There was no major structural damage," he continued.

Catch One Disco, the largest black lesbian and gay bar, came through the violent shaking unscathed.

"The outside walls of my building are about a foot-and-a-half of solid concrete with brick on the other side of that," explained owner Jewel Thaïs-Williams. "Even before I had to do all of the earthquake renovations, this was a pretty sturdy old building. There was no major damage, just a few broken dishes and vases in the kitchen."

Thaïs-Williams (the partner of Rue Thaïs-Williams) had been ordered by the City of Los Angeles to earthquake retrofit her building ten years ago because the building, which also houses Jewel's Room, is used for public occupancy and is considered a Class A structure. The retrofitting was done in phases, beginning in 1984 and concluding in 1988.

A survey of other bars and clubs in the city found much of the same.

Midtowne Spa, the 24-hour bath house whose customer base includes a higher percentage of black gay men than any similar facility in the city, was closed for less than a shift. "The lights went out for a few minutes then people got dressed and left. That's it. We shut down at that point and re-opened a couple of hours later," said Ray Goodwin, a Midtowne employee.

At the Caper Room, manager Frankie Kahrl said, "We didn't have any damage or personal injuries. There weren't any broken liquor bottles or anything like that, just two broken glasses." Kahrl added that although a curfew was imposed in Los Angeles the night of the quake, business was brisk at his establishment. The Caper Room is located in Inglewood, an incorporated community which sits just outside the Los Angeles city limits.

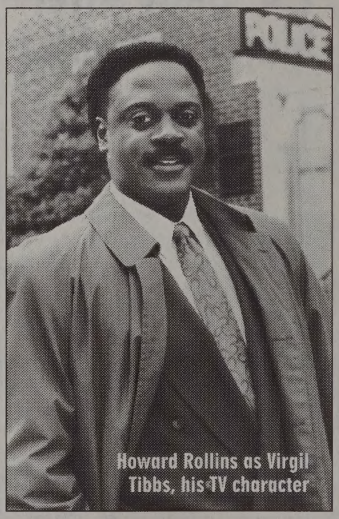
Ken Hughes, manager of the Annex, also located in Inglewood, said that his bar experienced no damage whatsoever. "Just a picture of a drag queen, Geraldine, fell off the wall. That's it," he said.

Because the residences of individual black lesbians and gay men are located throughout the Los Angeles basin, the extent of personal damage varied from none to complete loss of residence.

Among the unfortunate in the latter category was Christine Tripp, board secretary of the Minority AIDS Project, whose two-story home shifted several feet off its foundation and came to rest leaning at a 45 degree angle. She had to break a window to escape but was otherwise unhurt.

Rollins Still in 'Heat of Night'

ATLANTA–Despite his arrest in November for driving under the influence, Howard Rollins has not been fired from *In the Heat of the Night*, since he was technically never a cast member this season. He signed on as a "special guest star" for three episodes, the first of which aired in November, because he was in jail on a probation violation for the first five weeks of production.


Howard Rollins as Virgil Tibbs, his TV character

Until CBS officially decides the fate of the series, which won't be determined for a few months, nobody with the show knows if they'll be back next season.

Despite his continued troubles, Rollins continues to get support and kind words from the show's producers, most notably co-star and executive producer Carroll O'Connor. O'Connor said that he "remains supportive" of Rollins and "is sympathetic to his problems" of substance abuse and a history of driving infractions.

"Carroll has plans to bring him back in future seasons" if CBS renews the show," said O'Connor's spokesman, Frank Tobin.

Rollins, 42, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with driving under the influence, driving left of center, driving with a suspended license and fleeing and attempting to elude an officer.

At the time of his arrest, Rollins was driving his maroon Nissan 300ZX wearing a curly, blond wig, a blue shirt with cut-off sides and white shorts, according to the police report.

Rollins is out on bail and awaiting trial on his fourth traffic charge in a year.

Gay, Racial Bias Charged at Tower Records

SAN FRANCISCO–Allegations of homophobia and racism came to light in a lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court by an African American former employee of Tower Records that stated company officials ordered security personnel to perform acts they knew would be against the law.

An investigation is under way to determine whether the record store chain has broken federal and state laws by illegally bugging gay employees and harassing an employee in a San Francisco branch store because of race.

The case has had an interesting side effect in a city fraught with tension between the black and gay communities since the controversial tenure of the Rev. Eugene Lumpkin on the Human Rights Commission last summer. In a uniquely San Francisco twist, a heterosexual African American muslim is defending the rights of two gay male former co-workers.

Husham "Eddie" Haroun, 29, had

worked for Tower Records for over three years when he says he was forced to resign last February. Haroun, who was responsible for security at 11 Bay Area stores, claims he had been ordered by his superiors to place a wiretap in the office of Bill Eadie, a gay manager at the Market Street branch. The Market Street store is in one of the city's best known gay neighborhoods.

Haroun claims he was told specifically to obtain any information that could result in a demotion or proving that gay store managers were "arranging personal homosexual liaisons on company time." Haroun was also to have been ordered to spy on Eadie and other gay employees outside of the workplace.

Haroun complained to his superiors, but was allegedly told to continue with the surveillance, despite its illegality. He was advised that "management intended to terminate or demote gay store managers because homosexuals do not fit in the image of Tower Records," the suit charges.

The wiretap in Eadie's office was discovered by an air conditioning repairman shortly before Eadie was demoted. As a result, the San Francisco district attorney's office is investigating the possibility of criminal charges against Tower Records company officials. An FBI probe may also recommend the U.S. Attorney's office file criminal indictments after their investigation.

California state law prohibits wiretapping without the consent of the person being monitored.

If evidence is secured that shows Tower Records was trying to dismiss lesbian and gay employees, in particular, state anti-discrimination laws might have been violated, as well as federal and state privacy laws.

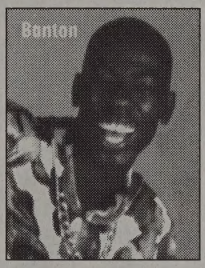
Richard Saria, Haroun's attorney, who is representing Eadie as well, indicated a number of witnesses are willing to testify to charges of either racial discrimination or homophobia at the Tower Records Market Street branch.

Tower, whose corporate name is MTS, Inc., has claimed that Haroun conducted all spying on his own against company orders and has declined further comment, referring all calls to San Francisco attorney Jamerson Allen. Phone calls by BLK to Allen's office were not returned by press time.

There was no comment on Haroun's charge that he was subjected to racial epithets prior to his resignation.

GLAAD Targets Banton Article in 'Vibe' Mag

NEW YORK–After *Vibe*, the magazine of hip hop culture, ran a profile of reggae singer Buju Banton, the New York office of Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation sent an open letter to the magazine, signed by a number of prominent African, African American, Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Latin lesbians and gay men expressing disgust with the profile, "which seeks to legitimize homophobia on so-called cultural grounds."



In the profile written by Jamaican-born writer Joan Morgan, Banton, whose song "Boom Bye Bye" advocates the killing of gays, explains that the song's viewpoint was influenced by Jamaican culture. "One have to understand [my] culture" he says, referring to his hatred of "faggotism." "And if you don't take the time to understand mines, then I don't care about yours."

Morgan quotes Jamaicans who accuse gay men of child molestation, violating religion, and being "unnatural," but failed to speak with any Jamaican lesbians or gay men. Apparently she "couldn't find any," although "it would have been nice," she told *Newsday*.

Vibe editor Jonathan Van Meter, an openly gay white man, doesn't see what all the fuss is about. "Objective journalism about hateful people is not a new idea," he says. "I'm really disappointed that they misunderstood the article and it's intention. The whole thing came as a bit of a shock to me."

Banton's appearances continue to be monitored by GLAAD. He was to perform on *Showtime at the Apollo* but his appearance was canceled. Percy Sutton, whose company owns the Apollo, said, "We canceled him because he's persistent in his injuring of the gay community and we don't support him."

Muslim Bakery Loses Business After Hate Rant

OAKLAND–Oakland Cable television viewers were exposed recently to an anti-lesbian and gay speech by Dr. Yusef Bey, the owner and spiritual leader of Your Black Muslim Bakery, a major supplier of healthy snack foods in the Bay Area. Bey also hosts a cable show, which airs several times a week via Oakland's public access channel.

"Students have a tendency to use teachers as a role model. I don't want my child looking up to his teacher as a great history teacher, but he's a faggot so I have to be a faggot...Hell no, I'm not going to have that. In the Middle East when you get a man jumping on another man's back you take their head off...So you see what kind of future you got around here," Bey told his viewing audience.

"And you sisters sleeping with women...because they're softer. Don't let nobody con you into that filth. You tell her 'look woman you better get yourself a dog or something...You're like a savage trying to be something other than yourself'," he continued.

Rainbow Grocery, the city's largest health food store and a 20-year customer of Your Black Muslim Bakery, expressed concern over the broadcast.

"Our position on homosexuality in our community is a religious position," wrote Bey in response.

"Islam, our religion and way of life, strictly forbids the practice of homosexuality. In the Middle East the penalty for practicing homosexuality is death...Therefore, we do everything in our power to discourage or dissuade our people from engaging in homosexual activities."

The San Francisco chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, who issued a consumer advisory following Bey's remarks, reports that Rainbow Grocery has discontinued business with Your Black Muslim Bakery. Buffalo Food Co. and Harvest Market, both in San Francisco's Castro area, have also dropped the company's products.

WBLS Joins Rap Hate Lyric Ban

NEW YORK–WBLS-FM, the popular radio station, has stopped playing songs with lyrics advocating violence or expressing hatred toward women or homosexuals. The move is the part of a national trend among radio programmers to curb the negative effects of explicit rap lyrics.

"The station intends not to play certain lyrics that are violent, appear to be violent or are misogynist in nature," said Joseph J. Carella, a spokesman for the station's owner, Inner City Broadcasting Corp. Citing Buju Banton's "Boom Bye Bye," which advocates the killing of gay men, as an example of a song the station will no longer play, Carella noted the ban goes much further than just that song. "I can't blame one song. There certainly have been a number of them," he said.

The new policy is clearly aimed at the hard-core "gangsta" rap form, which originated on the west coast and is popularized by rappers like Snoop Doggy Dogg, Too Short and Tupac Shakur. With its explicit lyrics about sex, drugs, and gang violence and its glorification of violence toward women and gay men, "gangsta" rap has been criticized by some black leaders as being self-destructive, especially for young blacks.

While the decision by WBLS is not the first, it is significant because the station ranks as the fifth most popular in the national Arbitron ratings and is in the nation's biggest radio market. The policy is also in place at other Inner City Broadcasting Corp. stations including KBLX-AM and FM in San Francisco and KSJL-FM in San Antonio.

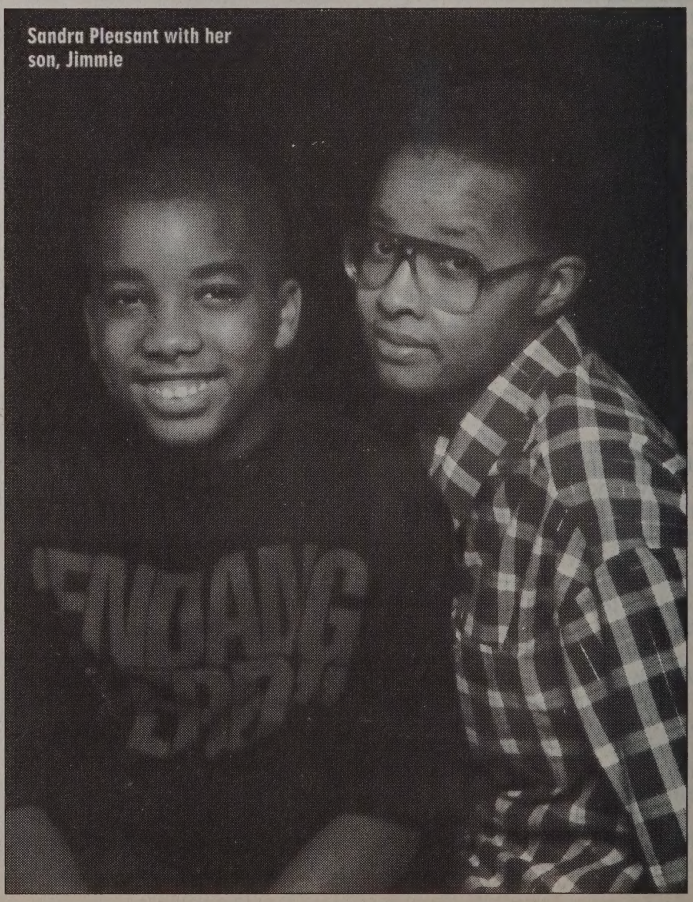
State Court OKs Visits for Black Lesbian Mother

CHICAGO–In a written decision issued in December, an Illinois appellate court panel said that a lower court judge exercised flawed reasoning when he ruled that a lesbian mother could not be trusted with her son.

The three appellate judges, whose verbal announcement of the decision restored liberal visitation rights to Sandra Pleasant in June, wrote "We are disturbed by the judge's numerous homophobic comments. His personal beliefs improperly clouded his judgement...Sexual orientation is not relevant to a parent's visitation rights."

Although the decision is only technically binding in Cook County, a lawyer at the Chicago chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union expected it would be extremely helpful to lesbian and gay parents throughout Illinois and perhaps the entire country.

"What's really good about this decision is that the judges come out point blank and say sexual orientation is not relevant to a parent's visitation rights, period," said John Hammell, director of the ACLU's



Sandra Pleasant with her son, Jimmie

lesbian and gay civil rights project. "It's definitely one of the most supportive decisions from around the country."

For two years, Sandra Pleasant's interaction with her son, Jimmie, now 10, had been limited to weekly visits in a state office under the supervision of Department of Children and Family Services employees. But Pleasant said she refused to back down in her fight to regain her visitation rights.

"I was not diligent in pursuing this case to make some statement that would have any ramifications outside of anyone but my son," Pleasant told BLK. "It was not a difficult decision for me to make because my choice was to have a positive relationship with my son or compromise my principles."

The appellate court's reversal of Cook County Circuit Court Judge James Harris' decision restored the visitation rights Pleasant had before her ex-husband began legal proceedings in 1989 to limit her time with her son. She now visits with her son three weekends per month, one week night per week, on holidays, and for half his summer vacation.

"Now that I see things clearly, I do understand how far reaching this case will be for homosexual parents and minority parents in particular. The visitation issue was further exacerbated by the triple threat I represent," Pleasant said. "It is my hope that my black sisters and brothers who may find themselves in similar straits, can look upon this case and draw the strength to persevere."

S.F.'s Brothers Gets $50,000

SAN FRANCISCO–The Brothers Network, an HIV/AIDS outreach program that targets black gay men, has been awarded a $50,000 grant from the Magic Johnson Foundation for use in the network's outreach to gay youth program.

"This grant is very significant because it is the first Magic Johnson Foundation grant given to an organization directed by and servicing the black gay, bisexual and transgendered community," said Tony Glover, program director of the Brothers Network. "It is also the first time a grant has been given to an organization in San Francisco."

Covering HIV-related topics for the high-risk population, the youth services program is designed to educate on how HIV is transmitted; to show what behaviors will lead to risk reduction; to reinforce the practice of safer health behaviors; and to empower individuals through building self-esteem. Participants in the program will also receive physical training, nutrition/diet counseling and provide a diary with written testimony of what they learn about themselves.

Now in its second year, the Magic Johnson Foundation bestows grants to HIV/AIDS service organizations involved with youth education.

"This is significant funding for people of color oriented programs and major recognition for us," Glover said.

Black Readers Unhappy Over Expanded Focus

ROCK HILL, N.C.–A predominantly black group of about 40 students voiced their objections to changes brought to Winthrop University's *The Roddey-McMillan Record* at a forum sponsored by the University chapter of the NAACP and the Association of Ebonites last November.

Under the editorship of Alvin McEwen, the student-run newspaper which used to focus almost entirely on black students, now includes stories about lesbians and gay men, women's affairs and political correctness, among other issues.

Many said the paper has abandoned its original purpose of highlighting black people's accomplishments at Winthrop.

Winthrop's first black student, Cynthia Roddey, for whom the publication is named, said diversifying the coverage doesn't bother her

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but that it should be more positive. She suggests that a peer advisory group help the editor and his staff produce the paper.

McEwen rejects that idea, saying he fears censorship.

"Your definition of positive and my definition of positive are two different things," he said.

Regina Butler, a 19-year-old political science sophomore, said *The Roddey-McMillan Record* was created for black students and should serve them, not other groups.

But others disagree. Senior mass communication student Byron Putman, 23, said at the forum that people should be careful about asking the publication's editors not to publish stories about homosexuals, women's issues or other groups. Black students censoring others today could become targets in the future, he said.

"Whether you like it or not, they're covering it," he said. "You've got to keep everything in the proper perspective."

Watkins Story Comes to Video

NEW YORK–The story of now retired United States Army Sergeant First Class Perry Watkins and his battle to stay in the military is the basis of a half-hour documentary video.

Produced by Chiqui Cartagena and Suzanne Newmann of New York's Newscart Productions, *Sis: The Perry Watkins Story* follows the ten years of court battles that Watkins endured in his fight with the military.

According to Cartagena, who met Watkins in 1989, the year before his case went to the Supreme Court, the significance of the documentary is that it shows "openly gay people have served and will continue to serve in the military, and that all the arguments that the right wing and the military establishment put forward are ridiculous."

Watkins went into the service in 1968 and served openly as a gay man to the extent that he even did drag on base, sometimes at the request of his commanding officers.

Sgt. Perry Watkins

With regard to the title of the documentary, "Everyone in my unit called me 'Sis' or 'Simone,' which was my drag name. No one called me by my name and rank," Watkins explained.

New Ads Urge Condom Usage

WASHINGTON–The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control have unveiled a new television and radio AIDS-education campaign that for the first time promotes condom use to reduce the risk of acquiring AIDS. The campaign is aimed at young people between the ages of 18 and 25.

Since the epidemic began 13 years ago, AIDS service organizations and conservative groups have been locked in a battle over how to educate the public about ways to prevent HIV transmission. The conservative groups, along with the Reagan and Bush administrations have insisted that sexual abstinence be promoted, while AIDS service groups contend that only explicit material could get the message across.

"Young people need to know that the surest way to prevent AIDS is to refrain from having sex, but we also need to be realistic," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who introduced the campaign at a press conference with Kristine Gebbie, the Administration's AIDS policy coordinator, and Dr. David Satcher, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While the new public service announcements are much more candid than previous government sponsored ads and have received favorable response by many AIDS organizations and medical groups, as well as religious and community based organizations, reaction has been critical with regard to the omission of gay and bisexual men in their message.

"We sincerely applaud their efforts for this very progressive step, however, the failure of the CDC to include the gay population, particularly gay youth and gay men of color, is unconscionable and can only be attributed to homophobia," says Darrel Cummings, director of health services for the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. "There is no doubt that the federal government has knowingly chosen not to address the critical education and prevention needs of our community for fear of right-wing reaction," he charged.

The campaign, which cost $850,000 to produce, will run during prime time on the major broadcast and cable networks.

200 Attend Kupona Network AIDS Memorial

CHICAGO–Over 200 attended the second annual Celebration Of Life memorial sponsored by the Kupona Network in remembrance of those who have succumbed to AIDS. The event was held Nov. 29 at Chicago State University's Robinson Center.

The evening service included songs by the Chicago Mass Choir and the John Work Chorale. African drummers, meditations, ceremonial libations and Afrocentric dance productions were also featured. Reading of the names of many African Americans lost to AIDS was a cen-

tral focus of the service.

The Kupona service was established, according to a release, to increase HIV/AIDS awareness in the African American community and to provide an opportunity for family members, significant others and caregivers to share their losses and to validate the lives of those lost.

BGLLF Names Honorees, Sets Speakers

LOS ANGELES–The Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum has announced a distinguished slate of keynote speakers and award recipients for its seventh National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference and Institutes to be held Feb. 17- 21 at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus, N.J.

Scheduled to be honored at the Conference are Sabrina Sojourner, Bayard Rustin Political Activism Award; Unity Fellowship Church/ New York (Rev. Zachary Jones, pastor), Harriet Tubman Organization of the Year Award; Reggie Williams, Frederick Garnett AIDS Activism Award; Stephen Semien, James Baldwin Award; Willa Taylor, Mabel Hampton Lesbian of the Year Award; and Michelle T. Clinton, Audre Lorde Award.

Mayor Kenneth Reeves of Cambridge, Mass., who just won reelection for a second term in office, will lead the conference with a keynote speech at the opening ceremony. Barbara Smith, a leading feminist writer and co-founder of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press will keynote the closing ceremony.

Evelyn C. White, editor of the critically acclaimed *Black Woman's Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves,* will keynote the Women's Institute. Elias Farajaje-Jones, a professor of theology at Howard University School of Divinity will open the Men's Institute. Mario Cooper, a media strategist and former White House aide during the Carter Administration; writer, poet and performance artist Eden Ajrian-Omari and Robert P. Wasson, Jr., a professor at Suffolk University Law School round out the list of keynote speakers.

Additionally, the AIDS Prevention Team, a project of the Forum, has confirmed that Kristine Gebbie, the Clinton Administration's AIDS policy coordinator, will keynote its sixth annual AIDS Institute.

"One of the complaints from conference participants in the past is that there is no lesbian identified programming in the AIDS Institute, so this year we're dedicating [the AIDS Institute] to women," says Vallerie Wagner, lead chair of this year's conference. "In the past, we've only focused on how AIDS affects the black gay and bisexual community. We haven't talked about how AIDS affects lesbians, so the committee decided to focus on that issue," she said.

Howard U. Gay Group Receives Recognition

WASHINGTON–After months of lobbying and organizing efforts by senior Marques McClary, Howard University's undergraduate student assembly has officially recognized the existence of the Lambda Student Alliance, a lesbian and gay student organization. That recognition makes Howard University the only predominately black college with an existing lesbian and gay student organization.

The Howard Lambdas, as they are called, now have the authority to use the university name and apply for funds dispersed by the university's student assembly from an account funded by student fees. McClary said that although LSA filed a timely application, the group has not been notified of the assembly's funding decision. Funds were disbursed to other student groups in December, he says.

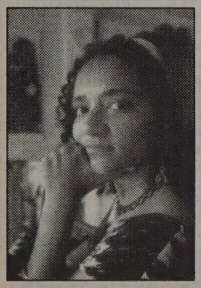
"We were more than likely denied funding," McClary told BLK. "Phone calls were placed to the director of student services, but they are not under any obligation to fund [the Lambdas]. Funding is at their own discretion," he said.

LSA existed for one year in 1981, but disbanded when the organization's prime movers graduated.

McClary says he wanted to reestablish the LSA as a forum of self-expression, as a means of peer support and as an educational tool to confront homophobia at the university and within the African American community at large.

As a part of Black History Month, the Lambdas plan a black lesbian and gay history program and arts festival. Though approximately 20 students and alumni attended the group's four previous meetings, McClary feels that once people know LSA exists attendance will rise. "People seem to be out," he said.

A gay student group at Atlanta's all-male Morehouse College is said to be in the works.



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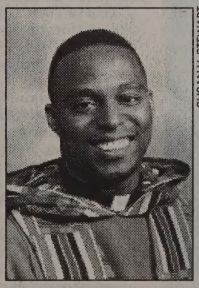

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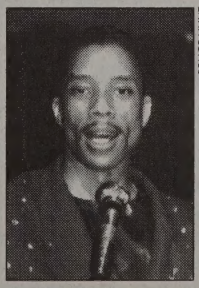

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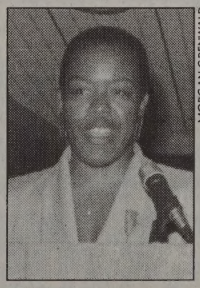

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BLK VEIL

RALPH BLAND, JR., born July 14, 1951 in Baltimore, Md. died June 17, 1993, in Los Angeles of AIDS related complications. Bland attended Patterson High and the University of Maryland, where he received a bachelor's degree in fine arts. After relocating to San Francisco and working for the American Red Cross for a short time, he continued on to Los Angeles to pursue a prolific career in graphic design. Through his Bland Design Group, he worked for many businesses including ARCO and Polygram. He also designed invitations and the program book for the Nelson Mandela Freedom Fund and created the logo for the Los Angeles Downtown Area Shuttle (DASH). In addition to lending his creative talents to many community organizations and services, Bland was co-editor and art director of *BLACKfire* and a contributing designer of BLK. Bland is survived by his life partner of 13 years, Gregory Hill; his parents; a grandmother; two sisters; three brothers; and others.

ANTHONY CALLOWAY, died Sept. 21, 1992 in Boston, as reported in *Bay Windows*. He is remembered by many friends for his Erte influenced paintings and for his patience and compassion for others.

GEORGE RODNEY CARTER, a founding member of Gentlemen Concerned who served eight terms as its president, died Jan. 2, 1994 in Los Angeles. Born in New York Jan. 4, 1940, Carter attended public school in the Bronx and in 1961 received a B.S. from Brooklyn College of Pharmacy. After a stint in the U.S. Army, Carter worked for Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Co. which transferred him to Los Angeles in 1965. A career switch in 1969 led him to the marketing department of IBM, where he remained for 23 years, advancing to the position of senior systems engineer. In 1986, prompted by Rev. Carl Bean of the Minority AIDS Project, Carter helped raise funds to acquire the AIDS shelter now known as Dignity House. The success of that venture led to the formation of the black gay AIDS charity, Gentlemen Concerned. Carter sat on the board of the Minority AIDS Project from 1988 to 1990, and was instrumental in the development of Imani Unidos, the AIDS food pantry in South Central L.A. Carter was also a board of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. Survivors include his mother; three brothers; his closest friend, Warren C. Armand, Jr.; and other relatives.

JAMES MARTIN CONWAY, 32, died at Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md. Nov. 2, 1992 as reported in the *Washington Blade*. Also know by his African name, Kuji Kofi, Conway was born in New York City and moved to the D.C. area at a young age. Conway worked as a paramedic for the D. C. Fire Department and was involved with many community organizations including Us Helping Us, Best Friends of D.C. and the D.C. Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gay Men. He also served as a buddy to many people living with AIDS. Conway is survived by his father, five sisters and three brothers.

EDGAR McDANIEL COOK passed away on Feb. 8, 1992. He was better known in the Houston community as Jewelle Hardy Haswell Kennedy Winfrey, but best known as Miss 90 Names. A dazzling dresser and performer, Cook is remembered by his friends as kind, generous and loving.

SAMUEL F. DAVIS, JR. died Jan. 8, 1993 at his Chicago home as reported in *Gay Chicago*. Born in Cincinnati, Davis received a degree from Boston College School of Law and practiced law for a short time in Chicago, before his vision of a world-class nightclub catering to lesbians and gays of color led to him founding the Clubhouse. He was also involved in establishing other businesses including Newbury Muffins and Grand Seafood Grille. His entrepreneurial skills were recognized in 1991, when he received the Owner of the Year award at the Mr. Windy City contest. Davis is survived by his companion of 14 years, Bob Yeaworth; his parents; a sister; and two brothers.

JAMES EUGENE EBB died April 28, 1992, of complications associated with AIDS, as reported in the *Washington Blade*. A Maryland native, Ebb attended Cantonville Community College and also attended cosmetology school. After a brief stint in retail, he pursued a career in hairstyling and was associated with Hecht's Company in Baltimore from 1987 to 1988. He also volunteered at Chase Brexton Clinic in that city. Ebb is survived by his parents; a brother; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was 26.

EDDIE MAYROL EDWARDS, 39, died May 1, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS at Washington Hospital Center. The Nashville native worked as a doorman and manager at the Clubhouse. When that popular establishment closed its doors in 1990, Edwards worked at several Georgetown restaurants as a bartender. There are no surviving relatives.

NATHANIEL FOSTER, JR., born Aug. 4, 1958 in Youngstown, Ohio, died Nov. 3, 1992 in Los Angeles. Foster was educated in the Cleveland public school system and attended Cuyahoga Community College. Moving to Los Angeles in 1986, Foster worked as an admissions representative for St. John's Hospital and Health Center in Santa Monica, and was active in Unity Fellowship Church. He is survived by his mother; four sisters; two brothers; and others.

HENRY "BUTCH" A. GRAHAM III died of AIDS May 6, 1992 after a struggle with AIDS, as reported in *Gay Chicago*. He is survived by his longtime companion, Troy Case; a grandmother; two sisters and others.

MURPHY W. GUY, born June 5, 1942, died Jan. 24, 1993 as reported in the *New Voice*.

JAMES HARRIS, a lifelong resident of New Orleans, died Nov. 13, 1992 of pneumonia as reported in the *New Voice*. Harris, 38, was a member of St. Mark's Missionary Baptist Church and numerous community clubs. He was a resident of Lazarus House at the time of his death.

JAMES ALLEN HENDRICKS, JR. died Oct. 16, 1992 at the Hospice of Washington of complications associated with AIDS. Hendricks received a bachelors degree from North Carolina Central University in 1966, and a masters degree in geography from Catholic University of America in 1967. That year, he began a career as a social studies teacher at several D.C. area high schools until his retirement in 1991. Hendricks is survived by five brothers and five sisters. He was 59.

LAWRENCE HIBBLER died Oct. 2, 1992 after a battle with AIDS. The Chicago native was a participant in the Kupona Men's Group and a member of St. Bethel Church for many years. Educated at Prairie State College, Hibbler was a bus driver by profession and is survived by his parents, five brothers and four sisters. He was 35.

BILL JOHNSON, a former U.S. Army Captain, died Jan. 4, 1993 as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter*. The Alabama native is remembered with love by his many relatives and extended family of friends in San Francisco.

LEE JOHNSON died Nov. 4, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS at Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport, La. He was 35. Born and raised in Greenwood, La., Johnson served in the U. S. Navy for five years aboard the USS John F. Kennedy before moving to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a word processor and paralegal for several law firms. He continued to work in that field after a move to San Francisco in 1987. He is survived by his mother, two sisters and two brothers.

MICHAEL ANTHONY JOHNSON passed away on July 18, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS at this Washington, D.C. home. Johnson, 33, worked as a legal assistant for several Washington firms and in 1990, joined the World Bank, where he worked as a computer assistant up until the time of his death. Survivors include his father, a grandmother, a brother and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

RONALD L. KING, died July 11, 1992 of AIDS related complications, as reported in the *Washington Blade*. A Maryland native, King graduated from Atlanta's Massey Junior College in 1975 with a degree in fashion marketing and accounting. From the late '70s until the mid-'80s, his designs were marketed under his own label, Apparel by Ron King. In 1990, King was honored with a special achievement award from the Library of Congress, his employer at the time. King is survived by his father, a brother and sister-in-law. He was 37.

ROLLEY JOSEPH LINDSEY, a former Stonewall Cincinnati board member, died Nov. 29, 1992. Lindsey, 45, leaves behind his father, a brother, a sister and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

MICHAEL VERNON LOTT, born May 8, 1963, died Nov. 2, 1992 after a sudden illness, as reported in the *New Voice*. Lott was known throughout the Houston community for the success of his catering business in addition to his volunteer efforts in many local organizations. He is survived by his companion, Charles; a sister and three brothers.

HYMAN L. MARTIN, a founder and president of There Is A Need, a Chicago organization for those whose lives have been touched by AIDS related issues, died Oct. 25, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS at St. Joseph Hospital, as reported in *Gay Chicago*.

WILBERT McGARY, born Jan. 2, 1957, died Oct. 13, 1992 at his Dallas home. McGary worked as a computer operator for General Diagnostics and was a volunteer at the AIDS Resource Food Pantry.

MICHAEL PARKS died Aug. 19, 1992, it was reported in *Gay Chicago*. Parks, 30, was an award-winning hair designer at Pivot Point International and a member of the Chicago Cosmetology Association. He is survived by his parents, five aunts, three uncles and a host of other relatives and friends.

EDWARD DOUGLAS PATTERSON, born Aug. 26, 1958 in New York City, passed away May 28, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS in San Francisco, as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter*. Educated in the New York public school system, Patterson was a professional ballroom dancer and instructor with Universal Dance Studios in Brooklyn. After a move to San Francisco in 1987, Patterson worked in the accounting department of Esprit de Corp. He is survived by his companion, Lee; his mother and a brother.

LOUISE "LUCKY" RIXEY died Jan. 24, 1993, as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter*. His precious smile and mischievous sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

LAMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOFIELD, born Nov. 10, 1965, died Feb. 20, 1993 in Houston, Texas. Lamont's honesty and child-like innocence are remembered by his family and friends.

LARRY MALCOLM SPIVEY died Nov. 10, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS at D.C. General Hospital, as reported in the *Washington Blade*. Spivey, 38, worked with the Sunnye Sherman AIDS Education Program at Whitman-Walker Clinic and organized safe sex home parties. Spivey was also a peer counselor for the Inner City AIDS network; was the public relations director for the Encore Social Club in D.C.; and served as chair of the advisory board for the Clubhouse, before it closed in 1990. Spivey is survived by his mother, a daughter, three sisters and two brothers.

WILLIAM STARKE died Nov. 12, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS. Born in New York City and raised in Chicago, Starke, 35, was an aeromedical specialist with the U.S. Air Force before being honorably discharged in 1977. After a move to Washington, D.C. in 1984, he worked at a variety of businesses, the last of which was Pitney Bowes Management Services in 1990. Survivors include his parents and other relatives.

RUSSELL LYNN THOMAS died Jan. 11, 1993 at George Washington University Hospital of complications resulting from brain tumors, as reported in the *Washington Blade*. Thomas, 39, was born and raised in Chambersburg, Pa. and attended Shippensburg State University. In 1972, he ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Chambersburg City Council. Relocating to Washington in 1976, Thomas pursued a career in retail management and was associated with Boyce and Lewis Shoes at the time of his death. He is survived by his partner and friend Joe Tartaglione, his mother, three brothers and a sister.

HOSEA H. "BUGSY" TOLAND, JR. died in Hampton, Va. of complications associated with AIDS on May 7, 1993, according to the *Washington Blade*. Born in 1959 in Portsmouth Va., he served in the U.S. Navy and lived in Union City, Calif. before moving to Washington in 1989. He was a volunteer for the Inner City AIDS network until 1992. From 1990 until shortly before his death, Toland was a resident at the Whitman-Walker Clinic's Michael Haass House. He is survived by his friend, Jeffrey Pendelton, of Washington; his parents, two sisters and three brothers.

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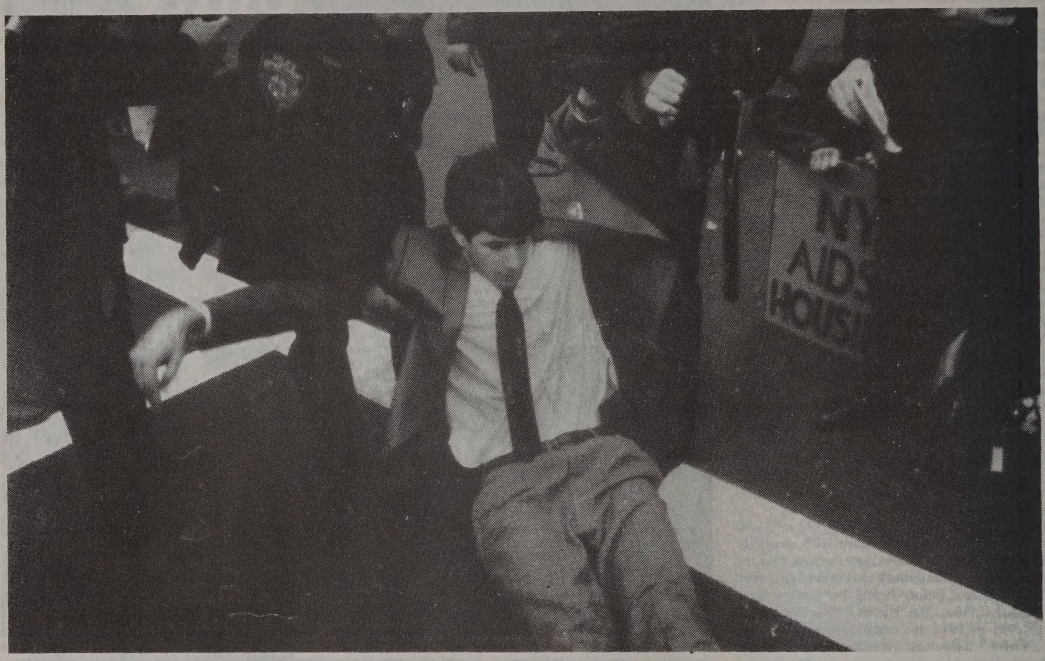

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BLK TEA

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By Preston E. Guider

During our last chat, just as we were about to pour some D.C. tea, the busy little divas over at our printing company apparently got way too busy and went into system shutdown before unloading the *beaucoup* pearls of wisdom you've come to rely on. Well, we've slapped their little fannies and they promised not to engage in *guidus interruptus* again...Now, as we were saying, **Stephen Endean**, who founded the Gay Rights National Lobby and Human Rights Campaign Fund but shocked folks on Capitol Hill by telling them he moved to Washington in pursuit of black men, fought with AIDS for time to finish his book, finished and found peace... Meanwhile, **Sabrina Sojourner**, former aide to Rep. **Maxine Waters**, found love: She and her belle, **Letitia Gomez** cooed their I-Dos in a lovely commitment ceremony... Dancer **Bill T. Jones** shocked guests at a charity benefit held in the Hamptons by allowing his genitalia to, er, dance free during a performance despite the presence of children. Although officially reprimanded for prematurely exposing kiddies to undraped art, none of the adults complained. Guess the grown-ups appreciated the show... Watch out: Looks like 1994 is going to be a big year for **Sweet Baby J'ai.** After a successful run in the musical revue *Sang Sister Sang*, J'ai and her band packed 'em in at Hollywood's Vine Street and Cinegrill... **Spike Lee** is certainly no stranger to homophobia. Remember when he refused to be interviewed by openly gay African American journalist **David Ehrenstein** during the *Malcolm X* hype? It came, therefore, as a surprise to learn that Spike has optioned the film rights to **Cheryl L. Thompson**'s award winning play, *Before It Hits Home*, which tells the story of a black family that is forced to confront homosexuality and AIDS when their son returns home after a long absence. We guess that Spike's recent marriage–to a woman–has eased any anxieties he may have had about the speculation that has often swirled around his sexuality. Well, whatever it takes...Still fuming after reading **Brent Calderwood**'s "young-eyed" column in *San Francisco Bay Times*: Despite writing that he attended the OutWrite '93 conference in Boston where he "was unshackled by queer black writers, who explained that I am not responsible for slavery," Calderwood goes on to talk about how much courage it takes for him to oppose homophobia in the gay community and how legitimate it is for him to compare his injuries as a gay man to those of African Americans. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing...Ovahlooked: Tony and Floyd, the **Hoop Sisters.** As the unofficial hosts of that Thursday night L.A. happening, their madcap antics keep us coming back for more. Ovahdone: Jimmy, aka **Wanda.** She was funny the first time around on Fox-TV and she was cute when we saw her live for the first time. But now it's time for a new act.

Will Smith
MYLES ARONOWITZ

Don't kiss, don't tell: First, **Will Smith** signed on the dotted line to play the Eliza Doolittle-as-a-scam-artist character in *Six Degrees of Separation*, wherein the finished script contained a scene calling on him to kiss his Henry Higgins. When it came time to film the scene, the Fresh Prince refused, explaining afterwards that his homeboys just wouldn't understand. Then, hunk superstar **Denzel Washington,** who appears as a homophobic attorney defending the AIDS afflicted **Tom Hanks** in *Philadelphia*, told *GQ* that he's "uncertain" if he could have played the gay character in

the film and kiss another man onscreen, because of the embarrassment it might have subjected his son to in school. Hey guys, isn't that why they call it *acting*?...

Word's out: **David Justice,** the finest Brave in Atlanta, is into queens. Well, at least one: his wife, **Halle Berry,** who just copped an NAACP Image award for her portrayal of Alex Haley's *Queen.*

Whatever position the scrumptious athlete normally plays on home turf, we'll bet we could teach him a thing or two about handling balls *and* bats. Then again, mebbe not...When you're on a roll, play high *and* low: **Lord Glenconner,** the Caribbean *hotelier* who brought Fortune 500 execs to frolic on the isle of Mustique, is now promoting his new resort, Jalousie, as rent-a-plantation, complete with photo-ads of himself being courted by very cute, very barefoot black boys...News from the South: We hear that the owners of **Sugar's,** that popular nightspot in North Miami which had to close it's doors after ten years, are scouting for a new site. Stay tuned...Too bad black gay lobbyists who have worked on him has thus far failed to get **Rep. Walter Tucker III** to sign onto the National Gay Rights Bill pending in Washington, cuz Tucker, a minister who represents Compton, Calif., is one of the best speakers and finest hunks to join the Congressional Black Caucus. Work on him some more, guys!...From the Rodney and the Video Camera File: *TWT* recently sent it's Cruise Camera team to San Antonio's Paper Moon bar, where bartender **Vanessa Gordon** aka Rodney was designated "prettiest" Deejay in Texas...Who says Afrocentrism's homophobic? There was **BMX/LA** marching past burned-out and born anew buildings in the Crenshaw District's annual Kwaanza Parade, cheered on by Muslims and gangstas alike. The group marched under the African American AIDS Support Services and Survival Institute of South Central Los Angeles (AMASSI) banner...

From the Nasty Songs File: The **Outhere Brothers** new hit "I Wanna F..k U In The A.." is sending the children into a frenzy on dance floors from coast-to-coast ...International Mr. Drummer **Graylin Thornton,** whose layout in *Drummer* haunts our wildest dreams, was auctioned off for a dinner date at the IML Travel Fund benefit at S.F.'s Eagle...Love is for everyone: Warm wishes to **Vertrice Dooley** and **Denise Morgan,** whose dedication to each other was celebrated at a ceremony and reception at the home of MAP's **Vera Owens.** The committed duo have departed Los Angeles and relocated to Arizona...

Didn't your psychic friends warn you?: The controversy over **Dionne Warwick's** alleged misuse of funds raised for AIDS benefits continues. ACT-UP/LA jumped into the fray by issuing a press release dissing Warwick for AIDS fundraisers stating, "monies has (sic) been frivolously spent on personal expenses incurred by Ms. Warwick." The release, which brought more unwanted media attention to Warwick's activities, goes on to announce that although Dionne was designated "U.S. Ambassador of Health" by Presidential decree, ACT-UP/LA has unilaterally stripped her of that title. Defending herself against charges made on ABC's *Day One,* Warwick, sporting a humongous emerald cocktail ring, sat down with **Geraldo** and deflected audience questions with the aplomb of a seasoned pro that she is. As for future fundraising efforts, Warwick offered that she will only continue as the talent and talent coordinator.

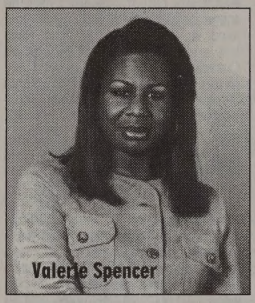
Am so tired of white gay activists attacking black role models for being politically incorrect. In Chicago, the local gay vets picketed outside the hotel where former U.S. Military Chief of Staff **Colin Powell** was addressing the Jewish United Fund, because of his opposition to lifting the military ban on lesbians and gays. Neither Dionne nor Colin is perfect or beyond criticism, but it does seem as though the gay organizations chose to publicly attack them *because* they are widely respected as black role models. It's blackmail. They might as well be saying: if you want to keep your unstained reputations than you had better do what we tell you or we will shame you through the media, no matter what other achievements you have accomplished on

"I'm telling the truth Simon. He has the biggest one I've ever seen."

behalf of your community...People are still talking about the December **Black Jack** party which they say topped all previous efforts. Of course, we weren't there, but we're told it was held at a legendary Hollywood landmark and overflowed with plenty of hot chocolate, from Hershey to Godiva...Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund gave a swell party recently at Atlas Bar and Grill in the guise of the West Coast Liberty Awards. Lambda board member **Rick Davis**, BGLLF's **Vallerie Wagner** and activist **Lauri J. Irving** were among the swells there to honor **Phill Wilson** and others. Lambda's **Vince Cummings** made sure all went smoothly...You never would have known that they were guests from the hype, but we hope you caught **Pomo Afro Homos** appearance on *Out There*, the Comedy Central Gay Special, or is it the Gay Comedy Central Special? Whatever. We hear the Pomos wanted to include material from their fabulous *Dark Fruit*, but it was deemed *too* black for the folks at the comedy network, so they came up with something new for the special...

What a drag: The 9th annual Reverse Role Comedy Show produced by the **Minority AIDS Project** was another rousing success. Performers simulating divas like Patti LaBelle, Eartha Kitt and Tina Turner were on hand for the event, but it was the operatic offerings of the duo **Coco & Candy** which brought down the house...Also, kudos to **Valerie Spencer** and **Tracee McDaniel** of MAP for organizing *An Introduction to Something Completely Different*, the transgender/transsexual/transvestite talent show at Catch One in L.A., hosted by the fabulous **Jazzman**...The holiday season is over, but we still haven't been treated to the *RuPaul Christmas Special*, which has aired in markets all around the world, but still hasn't found a network here in America, land of the free, home of the brave. Write your Congressman now...With her back-flips and somersaults, **Miss Flame** wowed the boys and girls gathered at **C.K. Augine's,** the popular Chitown women of color nightspot which presents drag shows on Tuesday nights. While we were mesmerized by her acrobatic prowess, we couldn't help but notice the lovely ankle bracelet, complete with homing device, she was sporting. We guess one of her jealous beaux wants to track her whereabouts at all times...The legendary **Tommie Ross** was a featured guest performer at the opening of Houston's Backyard Bar and Grill, while over at the Deva Room, hostess **Tranae Chardon** continues to present some of the finest female impersonators Texas has to offer...

The phobia within: At a New Year's gathering in a posh Westside brownstone, a friend of **Spider's** was accosted by one of our own who chastised him for airing "dirty laundry" in a national women's magazine. It's amazing that in 1994, when the monster is ravaging a significant portion of the NYCGBM population, some still prefer to live in a '70s disco fantasyland, as the bodies pile up. Wake up, girlfriend, it's an issue that must be addressed...**Gay Men of African Descent** and **African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change** got together for their 6th annual Kwanzaa Celebration on New Year's Day at NYC's Lesbian and Gay Community Center...Those D.C. **Men of Distinction** celebrated the holiday season with their 5th annual Christmas Cabaret at Zelcy's Banquet Hall...In Atlanta, B-Man **Anthony Stinchcomb** and his Oaktown visitor **Jamal Blair** were spotted ringing in the new year at Loretta's...The Kwanzaa spirit was evident in Chicago where the members of **Group Dialog** gathered for their monthly dinner and discussion, while **United Faith Affinitas Church** held its second annual observance...Also in the midwest, the spirit of Kwanzaa moved five disparate Detroit groups to come together and celebrate collectively. The **Billionaire Boys Club, James Baldwin/Pat Parker Society, Full Truth Fellowship Church, One Plus One Productions** and **Healing Ourselves Through Prevention and Education Services** participated in a number of events held throughout the city...On the west coast, a couple of hundred beautiful black lesbians who make up **Ladies In Pursuit of Success (LIPS)** rang in the new year sipping champagne and enjoying the hot, erotic dancers from **Michelle's XXX Review** at the Ivy Substation. And speaking of erotic enjoyment, we hear temperatures soared at **Captain Swing's** place out in the valley. Over at Catch One, the children were jammin' to the beat of Deejay **Billy Long** when, just before midnight, the club made the mistake of bringing out the **Electric Booty Mob,** an alleged R&B band fronted by a Jesus Christ look-a-like. Well, the children weren't feeling it, cuz they all cleared the room. After a couple of painful tunes, the band deferred to Deejay Long, Janet "Throb"bed and the revelers reclaimed the dance floor....Up in the Bay Area, **Calafia,** the cultural organization for womyn of African descent, held its first Black Lesbian New Year's Eve Ball at the Parc Oakland Hotel...Also in Oaktown, **Cabel's Reef** seemed to be the club of choice for drag queens-in-training and the B-boys who love them....And we'll chat later...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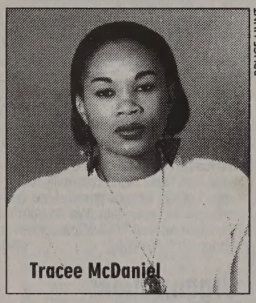
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Organizations

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Administrative Assistant. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, largest l/g/b political organization, based in Washington, D.C. is seeking an individual to provide general support for busy development department with specific involvement in major donor and events programs. Candidate must be a highly motivated self-starter with attention to detail. Must have excellent written and oral communications skills, be computer literate, some volunteer management experience. Bachelor's preferred. Salary mid-$20s. HRCF is an EOE: Women, people of color encouraged to apply. Please send cover letter and resume ASAP to Canvass Director, HRCF, 1012 - 14th St., N.W. #607, Washington, DC 20005. (39)

Advertising Salesperson to represent BLK. Work where your income reflects your energy and ability. Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Top commission paid. Women especially encouraged to apply. Call 213-848-2225 and ask for David Gardner. (40)

African American models over 18 wanted for all-male adult videos. Looking for at least one of the following: great body, gorgeous face or generous endowment. J/O only or participate with partner. Beginners OK. If you don't like the scene we shoot, or if you change your mind, we forget the whole thing. Have fun and make money. Call Scott Chandler at 310-674-4489, or send your picture to Nubian Video, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd. #109-38B, West Hollywood, CA 90046-5186. (40)

Bookkeeper/Office Clerk. Computer experience necessary. Windows, Word and Excel preferred. Looking for person with initiative, 2 years experience, CDL and 3 years if recovering. People of color, bilingual or ASL fluent are encouraged to apply. Resume to Van Ness Recovery House, an EOE in a smoke free environment. Attention: Executive Director, 1919 N. Beachwood Dr., Hollywood, CA 90068. 213-463-4266. (39)

Correspondents for Dallas and for Seattle. Looking for individuals to provide details on local black lesbian and gay events. If you are a writer or photographer, all the better. No regular salary, but your expenses are paid and you often get into events that are closed to the general public. Send letter of inquiry to Alan Bell, BLK, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

Direct Mail Manager. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, largest l/g/b political organization, based in Washington, D.C. is seeking an individual to coordinate HRCF's member acquisition, renewal, appeal and sustainer efforts. Responsibilities include list acquisition, creative oversight of package development and vendor management. 2-3 years of direct marketing experience and solid background in campaign analysis and reporting a must. Experience managing telemarketing a+. Salary commensurate with experience. HRCF is an EOE: Women, people of color encouraged to apply. Please send cover letter and resume ASAP to Canvass Director, HRCF, 1012 - 14th St., N.W. #607, Washington, DC 20005. (39)

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Features writer on non-erotic topics for Black Lace, the magazine for African American lesbians. Send writing sample to Alycee J. Lane or Alan Bell, Black Lace, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

I am looking for men that know how to do it. The time is now to become financially free. Call/write Island Marketing, 127 S. Shore Dr., Island Lake, IL 60042. 708-450-8203. 24 hours. Gay-owned. (61)

Major Donor Manager. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, largest l/g/b political organization, based in Washington, D.C. is seeking an individual to manage programs and growth of donor clubs throughout the country, develop new markets and programs for the cultivation of donors and the upgrading of existing donors. Bachelor's, strong volunteer management experience, highly motivated, excellent verbal and written communications skills, 2-3 years fundraising experience. Salary mid-$30s, travel required. HRCF is an EOE: Women, people of color encouraged to apply. Please send cover letter and resume ASAP to Canvass Director, HRCF, 1012 - 14th St., N.W. #607, Washington, DC 20005. (39)

Men of color wanted to model nude for publishing project. Especially wanted: Asians, Latinos and Native Americans. Must be over 18. Your should have a nice face, but big muscles and a big dick are not important. Get paid the day we shoot your pictures. No experience necessary. Call Alan Bell at 310-410-0808, or send your picture to BLK Publishing Co., Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

Political Campaign Manager. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, largest l/g/b political organization, based in Washington, D.C. is seeking an individual to direct Ballot measure Campaigns to defeat anti-lesbian and gay ballot measures in several states. Political, managerial skills required. Please send cover letter, resume and 3 reference names to Eric Rosenthal, HRCF, 1012 - 14th St., N.W. #607, Washington, DC 20005. HRCF is an EOE: Women, people of color encouraged to apply. (39)

Reporter to write standard news stories. We're not looking for an investigative journalist, but someone to cover ongoing events in the black lesbian and gay community. Candidate will write stories based on data provided, follow-up on leads or cover breaking stories. Candidate must be able to write in classic ("just the facts") news style, or be willing to learn how to do it. Accurate and ability to be fair-minded a must. No regular salary, but your expenses are paid and you often get into events that are closed to the general public. Send writing sample to Don Thomas, BLK, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912, or call 310-410-0808 for more information. (40)

Sports writer intern wanted to cover team sports for BLK. Call Alan Bell at 310-410-0808. No regular salary. (40)

West Coast Canvass Coordinator. The Human Rights Campaign Fund, largest l/g/b political organization, based in Washington, D.C. is seeking an individual to coordinate a Speak Out Membership and constituent letter program in Western Region. The WCCC maintains a West Coast office and is responsible for Speak Out membership in Western U.S. Primary responsibilities include: volunteer and canvasser recruitment, training, management. Must be self-starter, able to work under pressure, excellent communication skills. Extensive travel required. Previous volunteer recruitment, grassroots organizing and canvassing experience a +. Position based in Los Angeles. Salary commensurate with experience. HRCF is an EOE: Women, people of color encouraged to apply. Please send cover letter and resume ASAP to Canvass Director, HRCF, 1012 - 14th St., N.W. #607, Washington, DC 20005. (39)

Women models wanted for Black Lace articles in the following scenes: 2 women in separate photos pretending to masturbate while talking on the phone, 2 women pretending to have sex in an office setting, 1 woman nude holding a musical instrument, 1 woman hustler holding a $5 bill. We have specific photo layouts in mind, but are willing to accommodate (and take suggestions from) the women who agree to model. Women models also needed for tamer clothes-on scenes. Over 18 only. Send photo to Alycee Lane, Black Lace, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

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2 bedroom 1½ bath, quiet area, near USC, mature adults, $625.00 per month. call Dennis 213-731-3659 evenings. (39)

Calls for Submission

Sinister Wisdom #53, by and about old lesbians/dykes. The over 60 guest editors invite submissions of all kinds of writing and art from lesbians born before 1935. We want to give voice to old lesbians in all our variety, including class, racial, ethnic, dis/ability and age differences. For guidelines write SW, Box 3252, Berkeley, CA 94703 or call 415-585-0666. Deadline: Feb. 1, 1994. (40)

The editors of Coloring Outside the Lines: Writings by Mixed-blood and Multi-racial Women of Color announce their second call for poetry, theory, essays, short stories, history lessons and relevant discussions of life as a mixed-blood woman of color. Send to: Jamie Lee Evans/Kate Berne Miller, 224 Minor Ave. #A, Seattle, WA 98109. (40)

Words of Fire, an anthology by black men to be published by Galiens Press in the fall of 1994, will acknowledge and celebrate the diversity of the gay black community, dealing with such topics as coming out, outing, racism, homophobia, gay youth, gay older men, fairies, health, sports, AIDS, sexuality, etc. Submit up to three of your best essays. Each essay should be submitted in duplicate with a SASE. A short biography should accompany all submissions. Writers will receive a one-time honorarium and two copies of the book. Deadline is March 1,

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1994. Charles Michael Smith, 1864 Seventh Ave. #4, New York, NY 10026. (40)

Fuse magazine seeks submissions exploring lesbian and gay, youth and women's issues, papers on film and video, music, dance, radio and technology for book on black art, media and politics. Fuse, 183 Bathurst St., 1st Fl., Toronto, ON M5T 2R7, Canada. 416-367-0159, 416-360-0781 fax. (39)

African American lesbian vets sought for documentary based on "Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II." Particularly interested in finding lesbians of color who would be willing to tell their stories—in disguise if necessary—for the film. Confidentiality honored. Information 213-254-7773. (38)

African American lesbian writers needed for Black Lace. Write for a copy of the submission guidelines. Black Lace, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

Essex Hemphill and Ron Simmons are seeking black gay men sixty years of age and older to participate in a nationwide oral history project about black gay life styles in the early 20th century. Contact Essex Hemphill, Evidence of Being, 401 Wilshire Blvd. #700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455; or Ron Simmons, Evidence of Being, Box 48100, Washington, DC 20002. (38)

Submissions of lesbian and gay poetry are now being accepted for Kuumba #4. Send your work (maximum 5) with an SASE to: Terri L. Jewell and G. Winston James, Editors, Kuumba, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (38)

Sexy black gay male fiction wanted for BLACKfire, a magazine of black gay erotica. Re-live your exploits. Tell of your fantasies. Photos also accepted. Payment upon publication. Send with SASE to Editor, BLACKfire, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (TF)

Submissions wanted for Multicultural Lesbian Relationships anthology. First person writings, cassettes of dialogues o.k. Can request interview. Some topics of interest: racism within and outside relationship; having/raising children; socializing/friendships; language differences, etc. Contact: Rene Dawson & Terri Jewell, Co-editors, Box 23154, Lansing MI 48909. SASE required with all correspondence. (38)

For Sale

"The Providence File" Harmless? Questionable? Religious, family, love, gender orientation life of black neighborhood residents. For copy send $10 check or money order (with signed statement that you are 21 or older), payable to: M.P., Box 161465, Atlanta, GA 30321. (40)

Skins, the fanzine for kinky uncut men. Free ads. Sample copy: $4 and statement of age. CB&V, Box 97694, Las Vegas, NV 89193. (39)

BLACKfire, a new bimonthly magazine of black gay erotica. $5.95 plus $1.05 s&h. BLACKfire, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (TF)

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Find just the type you want. Personalized service. BAK, Box 83 Tujunga, CA 91043. (39)

HIV+ only. The "Buddy Network" is a free personal ad service for HIV+ persons. SASE for info to Box 23251, San Diego, CA 92193. (41)

Women's Personals

Black, 33, Pisces, quiet, intellectual, enjoy travelling, the arts. Interested in correspondence with other black females and friendship. Karen. ☎ 3922. (42)

Black gay female, interested in meeting the same. If you have interests such as biking, swimming, outdoor activities, reading or quiet evenings at home leave me a message. Take care. Kimberley. ☎ 3886. (41)

I want to meet you to talk and get together to do some interesting things. I'm new at this, but quite willing. My name is Dee. ☎ 3755. (40)

Black female, 100% gay, Afrocentric lover of soulful music and black gay/straight literature and films, seeks to build close friendship with a sistah. Maria, c/o MUW, Box W301, Columbus, MS 39701. (38)

Single black gay female, interested to meet others to go out with and to get to know new friends. Kim. ☎ 3650. (40)

GBF from Florida: Quiet, sensitive, cere bral, sagittarian. Professional. Avid tennis player, loves travel. Into new-age thought and spiritual growth seeking like-minded women nationwide for correspondence/friendship let us share! ☎ 3494. ✐ 180. (40)

Men's Personals—International

French white man, 40 years old, 5'11", 160 lbs., built, blond, blue eyes, alone, executive, looking for overmuscled submissive man. Home exchange visit OK. You are welcome to France. Let's transcend the ordinary. Bernard Lambotin, 1 Domaine du Pas de Courtin, 83230 Bormes les Mimosas, France. (38)

Black male, 34, seeks pen pals, men and women, 19 and above, from all over. Hobbies include electronics, music, movies, photography, traveling. Seek long lasting friendships. Letters with pictures or photographs are very welcome. Write to Tony Nyanko, Box 314, Takoradi, Ghana. (38)

Men over 18 want contacts for friendship or exchange of visits. Contact: Pierre Castan, Box 2, 30620 Bernis, France. (38)

Mature Danish GWM, 5'9", well travelled, seeks a black masculine top man 25-50 years old and well endowed. I am an honest and serious person with a good sense of humor. Romantic and enjoy homelife. Respond: John Holm, Gronnegade 36.2.t.v., 1102 Copenhagen. K. Denmark. (38)

Beautiful African male 24, intelligent independent. Will travel to any point of the world to meet genuine friends. I love the top and aim to please. Include photograph. ✐ 178. (38)

Attractive GWM, 25 from Switzerland, seeks BGM in the USA (and other countries) for penpals, friendship. I spend a lot of time in N.Y. and D.C. Into photography, music, travelling, good conversations. If you're serious, write to Marco Carocari, Huegelstr. 8, CH-8002 Zurich Switzerland. Peace. (39)

German GWM seeks BM penpals for exchange of thoughts and dreams age over 30 (I'm 24), facial or chest hair A+. Looking forward to meet one day. Photo = answer. Will be returned if demanded. Do not hesitate! If photo not available, no problem. All will be answered. I'm a writaholic. Send your letters to R. Newmann, Belziger Str. 20, 1000 Berlin 62, Germany. Soon! (40)

Attractive young blond Dutch male, looking for handsome black men for friendship, pen pals and fun. Write to Ton Verhees, Van Hilligaert Straat 286, 1072 PN, Amsterdam, Holland. You won't be disappointed! (38)

Aussie koala bear, 34, bottom, into B&D, S&M and more, wishes to correspond with GBM top into this and more. Age, looks aren't important; imagination and stamina are. Would also like to hear from GBM bottoms into the same. Cum on guys. Greg, Box 2361, Sydney NSW, Australia 2001. (38)

Men's Personals—AK

GBM, 27, 5'10", 170 lbs. muscular, handsome, sincere, humourous seeks intelligent handsome men for correspondence. Your photo gets mine. Occupant, Box 3312, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (38)

Men's Personals—AZ

GWM, 45, 5'10", 180, into music, plays, theater, looking for GBM, age 35-55. Lee. ☎ 3577. (40)

Men's Personals—CA Northern California

Lean, sexy, BM, 150 lbs., 5'8", 22, smooth swimmers build, cute homeboyish, looking for attractive black or Latino, well-hung, in-shape, 25-35, versatile, for friendship and hot sex. ☎ 3869. (41)

Attractive Los Angeles GWM, 37, 5'10", 160, hairy, seeks reciprocal visits with San Francisco men. Open-minded, genuine, adventurous, slightly kinky but sane. Enjoys travelling. If you do too, cum visit. ☎ 3777. (40)

Built, goodlooking, masculine, white man wants to get it on with a big black man who likes to be on top. I'm 6 ft., 200 lbs, muscular, hairy chest, nice smooth bubble butt. I'll do you right! 408-450-2410. ☎ 3474. (40)

GBM, 41, 6', 185, seeks friendship/relationship with drug-free GM. Send photo with letter (if possible). ✐ 176. (39)

GBM, 36, 5'11", 155, seeks BM, 28-40 for friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy romantic evenings, movies, theater, committed monogamous relationship. Wayne. ☎ 3473. (39)

San Francisco BM, 25, 5'10", 160, looking for guys, any race, to date. HIV status doesn't matter, personality does. Jonathan. ☎ 3415. (39)

Black male 43, 5'11" 140 lbs. Excellent condition. Dancer bod. Smooth. Seeks top black or Latin male into toys and long heated sessions. Uncut is a +. Me 9½ inches. You 7 inches +. Bubbling brown sugar. ✐ 200. (39)

San Diego Area

Black male, 32, 165 lbs., bottom, looking for top white male or Hispanic. I'm in a relationship looking for someone for a three-way or one-on-one with me. Thomas. ☎ 3763. (40)

GWM, 35, 6'2", 230 lbs., muscular, handsome, well-hung, looking for tall, dark, handsome, African/American man with a big heart and dick. Willing to relocate. Charlie. ☎ 3785. (40)

Goodlooking, masculine, BM, 6'6", 31, light-skin top man, professional, seeks GBM, 25-40, professional, masculine, muscular, into sports, movies, theater, possible relationship. (If into tennis and baseball a +). ☎ 3687. (40)

Attractive 39-year-old black male, bottom. AF/PG. Discrete enjoy traveling, reading, good conversation seeking the perfect top that is masculine, drug free, health conscious for good times, and romantic nights. ☎ 3480. ✐ 177. (40)

GM, 24, 6', br/br, looking to meet other

guys in San Diego area. Enjoy movies, conversation and dancing. Brian. ☎ 3594. (40)

J.J., 38, 5'11", 185, masculine, brown complected, smooth skin, bottom seeks a masculine romantic top who is black, Hispanic or Arabian for 1-to-1 relationship. ☎ 3421. (40)

Goodlooking, masculine, discreet, BM, 38, 5'11", 185, many interests, bottom, brown complexion, soft baby skin, seeks masculine top man of color for friendship/relationship. Jay Jay, Costa Mesa, CA. ☎ 3422. (39)

WM, 42, with long tongue and rim chairs seeks BM with bubble butt! Write to Box 1880, Cathedral City, CA 92235. (42)

Attractive black male 39, active French, passive Greek, seeks intelligent, hung top stud for serious relationship and fun. 619-521-1341. (40)

Los Angeles Area

GWM, VGL, 33, 6'2", 160, redhead, college educated, spiritual with good sense of humor. Into movies, arts, homelife, travel. ISO VGL, GBM, 30-40, trim, professional, honest, intelligent, monogomous, N/D, HIV-. ☎ 3934. ✐ 208. (42)

Young bisexual surfer/rocker type, 5'9", 157, long blond hair, 8", nice buns, tanline. Seeks hot play from masculine bisexual tall black buck, well endowed. Marty Shasteen, Box 691809, Los Angeles, CA 90069. (40)

The best seat in town? My face! GWM has talented 9" tongue ready to explore GBM bubble butt rear. Randy, Box 39485, Los Angeles, CA 90039. (42)

Very attractive, light-skinned black male looking for dominant, assertive black or Latino top. I'm new to L.A. and I need to be taught a few things. Greg. ☎ 3923. (42)

I'm looking for black brothers who want to talk on the phone and get together. I'm a single black male with dark-skin, black hair, brown eyes, moustache and a nice body. I'd like to talk to all you black brothers out there. Later. Dwayne. ☎3924. (42)

Black, confident, masculine, passionate, romantic, professional male is my fantasy. This handsome, sexy, dark-haired/eyed white professional, 6'1", 180 wants to lay back, look into your eyes and accommodate you. Gary, 115 W. California Blvd. #487, Pasadena, CA 91105. (40)

Goodlooking professional GWM, HIV-, 6', 190, 45, sensual, versatile, sincere, easy-going, intelligent, hairy-chested, moustache, interests from gym to arts, seeks muscular BM for mutual fulfillment and regular satisfaction. ☎ 3926. (42)

GWM, bodybuilder, bottom, masculine, handsome, 40, 5'10", 190 muscular lbs., hard bubble-butt and pecs, seeks very muscular, well-hung, dominant black bodybuilder top over 200 lbs. for hot sessions. Photo requested. ☎ 3892. ✐ 207. (42)

4 gentle BM. Tall, slender, intelligent, socially-aware, artistic, gentle, wise, creative, well-travelled, affectionate, well-read, GM with Mediterranean complexion, into travel, piano, arts, photography, 48, available 4 slim/med built BM. ☎ 3915. (42)

Goodlooking W/M, 48, versatile, professional, mature, sincere and honest seeks versatile, super hung B/M, 5'3" or less for fun and possible relationship. ☎ 3920. ✐ 208. (42)

What's up? I'm a fair-skinned man who likes meeting people. I play sports, baseball, football and basketball. I'm not ready for a relationship, but I am looking for people to kick it with and have a good time, Kelly. ☎ 3905. (42)

Yo. What's up fellas? I'm 5'8", 150, dark brown, bald-headed, hairy, nice slender build, in-shape and I hope you are too. I've got it going on. Leave a message and let's see if you do too. Andre. ☎3839. (41)

I'm looking for a very rich person. Leave me a name and number. You won't be disappointed. Jaboola. ☎ 3858. (41)

Versatile BM, 27, 5'7", 160, seeking another versatile BM, 27-35 for casual sex. If you're down with it, leave a message. Christopher. ☎ 3862. (41)

Handsome, brown skin, 35, 5'8", 180, fairly in-shape and working on it. Looking for a sincere masculine BM who's not about a bunch of bullshit. Long Beach area. Dino. ☎ 3904. (41)

6'1", 180 lbs. I work out and have a nice body. I'm down to earth, sexy, versatile top and bottom. Leave me a message, homeboys. This is K.D. ☎ 3028. (41)

African American, 6'2", dark-complexioned, seeking African American male, 28-40, that's got it going on. I want to hang out, go to movies, walk the beach, run the streets with you. Keep smiling. ☎ 3890. (41)

BM, 5'11", 195 lbs., muscular top man looking for sexy black bottom whose into fun inside. Jay. ☎ 3893. (41)

GWM, 27, 5'10", 160 lbs., workout, dark hair, green eyes, seek masculine black hung top who wants to kick back and be serviced or use me as their bottom. Steve. ☎ 3867. (41)

GBM, 35, 5'9", 160 lbs., attractive, top, hung 10" seek that special guy who is a bottom, intelligent, attractive has a job. I'm not interested in a ralationship, but I am looking for goodtimes. You should have a nice round butt. Jeffrey. ☎ 3875. (41)

Personalized penpal service. U.S./world. Everyone welcome. No money needed. BAK, Box 83, Tujunga, CA 91043. (40)

Hi. I'm Lee, 5'11", 168#, masculine. Looking for masculine B/M. Want to get busy with serious brothers only. ☎ 3840. (40)

Easygoing GBM, 31, 6'4", 235, professional seeking gay man to 40 and over 6 feet. Write Box 48532, Los Angeles, CA 90048. (41)

BM, 30 y.o., 6', 180 lbs., work out with weights. Looking for BM or Latino who also works out, who enjoys movies and man stuff. Jerry. ☎ 3788. (40)

This exotic, eclectic, decidely Afrocentric brother is on a mission to find a G, as in thang, who is fly, intelligent, packing, strong, in other words...all that. I'm 5'9½" and fly. ☎ 3789. (40)

Hot black 40 y.o. seeks romantic, intellectual, spiritual, sexual stimulation. You be masculine, sincere, decent, fun-loving, affectionate, possible relationship. ☎ 3793. (40)

Yo Yo Yo. What's up homeboys? Juan, 6'2", dark brown eyes, black hair, moderately hairy, college student, 24, very masculine, track and field. Peace, brother man. ☎ 3797. (40)

Mexican-American, 42, 5'8", 220 lbs., goodlooking, intellectual, adventurous, masculine, looking for friends for movies, concerts, cooking, travel, good times, any race, 33-45. Matthew. ☎ 3798. (40)

Black male, 30, 5'9", 160 lbs., light brown, hazel eyes, moustache, attractive, top, hung 10", looking for black male with toned bodies. Let's get together. Edward. ☎ 3804. (40)

Honest, 31, 5'2", 134, HIV-, Herpes+, looking for men who are open, understanding and really do care. Ricky. ☎ 3722. (40)

Dark skinned, 5'9½", 185, chunky, muscular, gym, no drugs or smoke. You should be masculine, well hung 10" or more, to kick it with and have a good time. Keith. ☎ 3774. (40)

Whats up, boyz? I'm not looking for romance or a relationship, I've already got that. What I'm looking for is good safe sex. My lover and I like to get together with other goodlooking black men like us. We'd like you to come visit our bedroom. ☎ 3779. (40)

Black/Filipino/Hispanic, 26, 5'10", 155 lbs., 7" uncut, looking for friend. John. ☎ 3783. (40)

Latino, 32, 5'11", 185 lbs., looking to get together to play around with some black men. I'm 100% top. Rico. ☎ 3822. (40)

Nope, you're wrong, there's one left. Very attractive, affectionate, mixed BM, 21, 5'9", 250#, seeks attractive, straight acting, BM 21-29 for friendship with foundation for relationship. Your photo gets mine. ☎ 3737. ✐ 193. (40)

Chinese-Filipino, 5'5", Ph.D. scholar at USC, looks like an undergrad, smooth-skinned, HIV-, husky, with a very handsome face. I love to receive head. Possible relationship OK. Antonio. ☎ 3775. ✐ 199. (40)

WM, 40+, 5'10", 185#, brown eyes, salt and pepper hair and beard, professional, seeks good looking, mature, honest, and sincere BM for fun and possible relationship. Enjoy the beach and mountains. ☎ 3772. ✐ 197 (40)

BM, 25, HIV+, nice, smooth, versatile body with nice ass and soft lips, moving to Los Angeles in October, wants guys/couples, any race, for sex/friendship. ☎ 3762. ✐ 198. (40)

WM, 28, handsome, 32" waist, 42" chest, black hair, brown eyes. 170, muscular, smooth, looking for big BM with a huge piece who will have me on my knees servicing. ☎ 3661. (40)

WM, 34, 6', 168 lbs., trim body, short brown hair, big mustache, hazel eyes, 8", West Hollywood area. Looking for handsome men to 40 with trim bodies. Muscles a +. I'm versatile and definitely very oral. Joe. ☎ 3710. (40)

Mixed black/Mexican, hot, 37, 5'9", 150#, 81/2", dark skin, curly hair, seeks man who is versatile and likes to get down and do anything. I like big dicks to service. Larry. ☎ 3711. (40)

GM, 35, 5'10", medium brown complexion, hazel eyes, attractive, intellectual, spiritual, looking for romance. Let's talk and then take it from there..Dwayne. ☎ 3667. (40)

African American, 28, 5'7", alluring, sexy, masculine, toned body. I love movies, photography and the creative arts. I'm in search of a goodlooking serious minded black man who I can spend quality time with. Mark. ☎ 3669. (40)

Hello, brothers. I'm T. I just like to go get busy. If you'd like to also, leave a message and I'll get back with you. ☎ 3703. (40)

Sexy healthy black man desired by GL blond GWM. Object: your pleasure. Black and white together is best. Call or write me. You'll enjoy. Alex. ☎ 3316. (40)

Mexican, 40, bottom, seeks well-endowed black man for talk and whatever. Francisco. ☎ 3670. (40)

Dark-skinned bottom looking for that special top. I'm Stefan, 37, goodlooking, 5'8", nice gym build. You should be taller (6'+), well endowed and enjoy movies, beach and spending time with me. ☎ 3673. (40)

Fat, fast and fabulous GWM, 31, 6', 285 pounds, blond/blue, built like John Candy but looks much better, lives in Silverlake. I'm looking for a sincere, honest, romantic, warm man. I'm G/P, F A/P. Baby's got back! ☎ 3675. (40)

Congo-born European, goodlooking, with green-blue eyes, 33, 5'10", 175, muscular, nice butt, discreet, safe, seeks intelligent, tall, huge, very muscular black bodybuilder over 200 lbs. for friendship. ☎ 3668. (40)

GBM, 30, 5'8", 165, light-skin, top man, HIV negative, looking to meet other GBM for lover or friends. Good looking A plus. Let's hook up. Jeff. ☎ 3555. ✐ 183. (40)

Wanted: Horny healthy black man by blond GWM. Needed: Your black cock and butt. Alex. 818-896-8890. (39)

Goodlooking, GBM seeks Latin or Asian, 25-40. We are both intelligent, creative. No drugs, alcohol, smokers. Not looking for straight acting; your masculinity is natural. You aren't looking for a rice queen, a daddy, or a big black buck, but a peer to converse with, have coffee, dance, and...? ✐ 189. (40)

Sexy, black male, 20 years old, straight-acting, seeking same, masculine, not N 2 club scene, 18-30, homies possible. ☎ 3683. (40)

4 gentle BM. Classic, tall, slender, intelligent, socially-aware, artistic, gentle, wise, creative, well-travelled, affectionate, well-read, vintage Euro-American, 47, into travelling, piano, arts, photography, available 4 slm/med blt BM.

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☎ 3550. (40)

Masculine black male, 35, 6', 190, mostly bottom, seeks big, 6'+, 200+, masculine non-American black/Latino male for companionship, conversation and safe fun. No hard drugs/alcohol. ☎ 3566. ✐ 184. (40)

Baby's got back! I'm a GWM, 34, 5'11", 185, HIV-, blond/blue, looking for masculine black top into bubble butts. 40s, hunky/ husky a plus. ✐ 185. (39)

Afrocentric male seeks sincere hue-man of African descent, who's melanin skin is soft to touch, sensual to smell, erotic to see and passionate to taste. ☎ 3610. ✐ 187. (40)

GWM, caring, artist, overweight, decent, 5'11", 190, 41, HIV-, has butt, 6", and passion for life available to someone sensitive, HIV-, who defines himself by more than his organ size. ☎ 3657. (40)

BGM, healthy, goodlooking and safe, seeks Asian couples for 3-ways in L.A. area. ☎ 3635. (40)

Mixed Chinese/black, 24, wants to spend quality time with someone special to kick it with. Interested in sports, playing ball Saturday mornings at USC and going out. Taurean. ☎ 3589. (40)

Hi my name is Ed. I'm black, tall, bowlegged, handsome. I love to mingle and I love to party. ☎ 3604. (40)

T.C., black, 5'11", 160, athletic, medium build, 26, light-brown complexion, goodlooking, I like checking out the movies, gym, sports. Live in Compton. Looking for someone who's down to earth, who likes to just hangout, who's masculine and who's not into the club scene. If this is you, call and leave a message. ☎ 3612. (40)

Yo Yo Yo, whats up my brothers, my name is Lucky and I'm hoping to get just that. I'm pretty much a straight up homie from the 'hood, but I like to get busy with this program every now and then. You should be from the 'hood, versatile, a brother and ready to get down with the program. ☎ 3598. (40)

Muscular, educated, very Afrocentric male, 5'9½", wants to check out real brothers and maybe hangout. Brent. ☎ 3569. (40)

GM, 6'1", brown skin, green eyes, curly hair, looking to meet BM, 24-30, top who likes to have a good time, aggresive, good personality and likes to conversate. Damien. ☎ 3586. (40)

Gay male, 5'11", 175, very lean muscular stud, looking to meet goodlooking guys under 35, fit and in good shape with 10" or more for hot body contact. Rob. ☎ 3627. (40)

Gay male, 35, 6', 190 lbs of fun. Seek Latin or black men of similar size or bigger. Ron. ☎ 3566. (40)

Gay male, 6'1", 182, muscular body, 9½", real thick, very goodlooking seeks goodlooking muscular studs under 35 with a foot long sausage for group scenes. Steve. ☎ 3629. (40)

Black professional, 5'9", 170, very athletic, ex-military, well educated, sincere, financially secure, well-built workout, looking for prof. black male, masculine, athletic, muscular into sports, travelling, music and well endowed for dating or relationship. Michael. ☎ 3575. (40)

If you're black and interested in a compact bodybuilder, hairy, big bubble-butt, large piece, then I'm the one for you. I'm 5'8", 150, mixture of French and Puerto Rican, short black hair, green eyes and lots of energy. I'm a serious MF. ☎ 3613. (40)

The one. Professional BM, 33, smart, goodlooking, well-built seeks dark, handsome, literate partner for fun and adventure. ✐ 188. (40)

Gay male, 38, 5'9", 165 lbs., blue eyes, into classic film, music, sunset walks at the beach, seeks intelligent, aware individual for mutually-fulfilling companionship. Please call Bruce, 310-674-4489. (TF)

Where is the beef? I know that the answer is in you, owners of Big Black Delicatessen, meaning 10"x5" or larger. If you really are interested in a Hispano Americano man who is 5'9", 35 years old, 150 pounds, 29" waist, bronzed complexion, etc., write to Box 761326, Los Angeles, CA 90076. Telephone number available upon request. (39)

Light brown, 5'9", medium build, muscular, enjoys movies, dinner. Versatile. Gene. ☎ 3460. (39)

Slim, lean BM from Texas, 6'2", 165 lbs. Let's reach out and touch. (I'm horny.) ☎ 3409. (39)

Edwardo, 34, 5'10", 160, light brown skin, short hair, goodlooking, homebody, top man, looking for someone to workout with in more ways than one. ☎ 3322. (41)

GWM, 47, heavy-set, love movies, walking on beach, travelling, no drugs or smoking. Very affectionate, love to cuddle and talk on the phone. Roger. ☎ 3891. (41)

Men's Personals—DC

BM, 31, HIV+, 5'10", 165, well-built, athletic, interested in meeting other brothers same height or taller. You should have varied interests, should be diverse in thought and political ideaology. Harvey. ☎ 3759. (40)

Black wrestler looking for others masculine guys into hot and sweaty wrestling action in swim trunks, jocks, etc. Long, man to man, erotic wrestling action and oil wrestling. Box 91428, Washington, DC 20090-1428, or call 202-291-0907. (38)

Men's Personals—FL

Handsome black man, 36, 6'1", 180 lbs., bodybuilder, great definition, very well endowed, masculine. Works out regularly, professional, sports-minded, easy-going. Seeks very well defined, lean, muscular white man with great legs for friend/companion. Out of state replys welcome. Can travel. ☎ 3704. (40)

Gay male, 6'1", dark-skinned, looking for friends. Masculine and white A+. Kent. ☎ 3633. (40)

GBM, 5'9", 160, 29, Miami area. Hobbies include reading, music, hanging out at home. Want to meet someone who is masculine, aggresive, and enjoys some one who likes to take care of his man. Chris. ☎ 3562. (40)

Hot BM, 25-year-old, well-endowed, Tampa area. ☎ 3375. (38)

Black, 24, 5'10", 155, very attractive, muscular, masculine seeks others. Mitch. ☎ 3359. (38)

BM, 24, seeks GM, 18-30. Enjoy movies, music, sports, good times. Lee. ☎ 3393. (39)

Men's Personals—GA

What's up fellas? I'm Darryl, 6'1", brown skin, very active, safe, discrete, HIV-. If you're a brother who's down with being safe, give me a call. ☎ 3693. (40)

GBM, 20, medium build, light skin, love travel, movies. I want a friendship and possible relationship, so please call and leave your phone number. I love being a bottom. No questions asked. You should be a GBM, 18-35. My name is Ricardo. ☎ 3706. (40)

Afrocentric BM, 20, 5'11", 180, HIV-, bi, college student, slinging 10". Seek 18-30, black, hung, combat boots, boxer shorts, baggy jeans, bald head or dreads. Can you take a 40 and be intelligent..then we can get very nasty. I'm out. ☎ 3558. (40)

GWM couple, 27 and 29, into self-fellatio, seeking black picture exchange. Send video, pix, letter to S.F.C., 461 N. Highland Ave. #2, Atlanta, GA 30307. (38)

Gay male, 29 and very, very goodlooking. I'm ready, willing and able to please a black stud. Call me when you're ready, I'm waiting. Joseph. ☎ 3626. ✐ 192. (40)

Atlanta. Seek guys who are versatile, witty and ready to party. We can get it on. I'm 5'9", 155. Don. ☎ 3453. (39)

GWM, 49, 5'5½" 168 lbs, healthy HIV+, kind, loving, medium built, blue eyes, speech impaired, into music, like basketball, bowling, dining out, and spending quiet evenings at home. Seeking and looking for that special GBM who is friendly, honest, masculine, and affectionate for companionship and possible relationship. Must be into safe sex and no drugs. Serious only. No fats or fems. Please write and send a photo with your phone number or call 404-378-7167. Let me hear from you. Larry. ☎ 3376. ✐ 175. (39)

Men's Personals—HI

Hola, my Hispanic brothers! If you're looking for a fun-loving, tall dark and handsome straight-acting, HIV-, African American who would like to get to know you better, write to me at Box 5146, Kaneohe, HI 96744 and let me know what's up. (38)

Men's Personals—IL

BM, 33, 6'3", 170, very goodlooking, shaved head, looking to meet guys in Illinois, black or white, who are very intelligent, to attend movies, dine out. I'm a classical musician, but I like all forms, especially jazz. Wesley. ☎ 3917. (42)

Masculine BM, 29, 6'1", 240, serious bodybuilder, 31" waist, professional. Seeking similar into bodybuilding and athletics with a strong sense of discipline and ambition. ☎ 3831. (41)

GBM, 19, wanted to meet attractive, sincere, relationship-oriented, masculine BM, 24-32. Interests should include good sense of humor, open minded, spend quality time. Please no dead-beats. David. ☎ 3866. (41)

BM, 37, 5'11", 220 lbs., avid bodybuilder, profesional, freelance writer, photographer. I enjoy going out, plays and movies. Sometimes I get lazy and just want to stay home and watch videos and talk to friends. ☎ 3880. (41)

Pro-Wrestling/boxing/fight fanatic. Chicago, GWM, 33, 5'6", hairy, good shape, seeks GBMs into fantasy matches, videos of brutal brawls in/out of the ring. No-holds barred fantasies, J/O, winner tops leser. Big men, big-bellied a plus. ✐ 205. (40)

Black, 34, 6'0" 220 lbs, HIV-, smoker, versatile, bright, sincere. In search of a casual friendship with a masculine black male that could develop into a monogamous relationship. ☎ 3805. ✐ 203. (40)

College student, 5'11", 155 lbs., slender build, very sexual. I'm in Chicago completing internship for major oil company, If you have new experiences you want to teach me, I'm game! Kenyata. ☎ 3744. (40)

35 year old GBM, HIV+ (asymptomatic), professional person. In the final stages of completing my Ph.D. I'm looking for friendships and possible long-term relationship. ☎ 3464. (39)

BM, 29, 6'2", 200, seeks other masculine top BM to kick it with and corre-

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spond. Maurice. ☎ 3311. (38)

WM, 37, 5'11", 178, Bill, sports, weights, nice looking, solidly built, seek 37-55, very masculine, loving, 200+, down to earth, non-promiscuous. ☎ 3340. (38)

GWM, 26, 5'8", 160#, HIV+, muscular versatile hot bod, seeks same or top GBM or GHM muscular types only, for hot safe sex play, flexing, scenes, laughs, etc. ☎ 3323. ✐ 163. (38)

Men's Personals—IN

B/M need only to respond to this. W/M, 40, 6'4", 220 lbs., no drugs, no wild scenes. Live alone downtown. Quiet evenings, soft jazz. Any age. Let's just talk. Photo OK. ☎ 3815. ✐ 204. (40)

GWM, 29, HIV+, asymptomatic, 6', 185, br/br, moustache, attractive, plays sports, like travelling. Looking for GBM, 25-50, with similar interests, HIV+ for longterm relationship. Joe. ☎ 3649.(40)

GWM physician, 29, 6', 185, br/br, moustache, HIV+ but asymptomatic, attractive, masculine, likes sports, movies, travelling. Seeks GBM, 25-50, also HIV+, with similar interests for possible relationship. Would like someone who could possibly relocate. Career choice not important, but honesty and sincerity are. ☎ 3630. ✐ 190. (43)

Men's Personals—LA

I'm ready, willing and able. I'm a black male looking for a black male, 35-45. Harold. ☎ 3766. (40)

WM, 29, 5'7", 160, workout, moderate hairy, beard, brown hair, hazel eyes, masculine seeks someone to get to know. ☎ 3565. (40)

Men's Personals—MA

Gay light-skinned male, 37, 5'5", 155, brown eyes, black curly hair, no drugs, don't drink, just smoke cigarettes. Enjoy Gr/Fr both ways, fun to be with, good health. Looking for GWM lover, neat and clean chubby guy. Write with photo. Bill C., 605 Maple St., Franklin, MA 02038. (40)

Boston area, 23-year-old WM, real goodlooking, would like to meet up with black guys for hot times. You should be masculine and well hung. Greg. ☎3838. (41)

Husky, 29, 230, 5'11", likes to party as well as quiet times at home. If you're in my area I'd really like to hear from you. Craig. ☎ 3856. (41)

GWM, 26, 6'1", br/br, clean shaven, masculine, professional, Boston area, seeks GBM, 25-35, goodlooking, in shape, HIV-, top, for safe times. Will be discrete if needed. Jeff. ☎ 3678. (40)

What up? My name is Lang. I'm 19, 5'10", 172, brown skin, low-cut fade, side-burns and trim mustache. I look good and live in Boston. I'm looking for black and Hispanic tops, 18-25, for penpals or relationship in Boston, New York or Los Angeles. ☎ 3680. (40)

BM, 29, BM, 5'9", 175 lbs., muscular, clean-shaven, looking for someone special. Benjamin. ☎ 3681. (40)

Gay male, 6', 185, interested in meeting nice young men, any race, 21-30, to talk and hang out. I don't mind travelling to meet you. Shanon. ☎ 3008. (40)

WM, 24, dark hair, blue eyes, looking to service hot BM from Mike Tyson to rapper types. If you're looking for what I'm offering then leave your number in my box and I'll call back discretely. Joey. ☎ 3608. (40)

Men's Personals—MD

Black man preferred. Want masculine, easy going man with a sense of humor, who is ready for a long term relationship. Must be committed to develop the body physically and spiritually. I'm 43, sensual, affectionate, WM, 5'6", 150 lbs. Alan. ☎ 3889. (41)

Masculine top man, 36, HIV-, affectionate, down to earth, sense of humor, relationship oriented, not into bars, one night stands, smokers or drugs. Interests include politics, working out, sports and music. I'm handsome, brown skinned, have moustache, 5'10", 190 lbs. and stocky. Looking for masculine, together, black male, Hispanic or white male, your personality is most important. Brian. ☎ 3760. (40)

Male, 5'10", 178, very thick and very long, looking for someone to handle it. You should have a big bubble-butt and need some man loving, not just sex. Shank. ☎ 3826. (40)

GBM, 30, 5'6", looking for GBM 20-40, football and basketball players, for some hand action. ✐ 181. (38)

Attractive, sexy black male, 5'10", 165, varied interests. Seeks tall, masculine black men 21+ for correspondence or possible relationship. Your photo gets mine. All answered. ✐ 182. (39)

Men's Personals—MI

African American male, 29, 5'11", 220 solid pounds, seeking other African American males who are positive in image and know where they're going in life. I like working out, movies, good conversation. Jamal. ☎ 3910. (42)

GWM, live in Detroit area, 46, 5'10", 190, hairy body, beard, bottom looking for ideal black soul mate. Tony. ☎ 3823. (40)

BM, 28, seeking other black males between the ages of 24-45. Must be masculine, athletic, bearded and hairy. College students preferred. Latin or Arab men okay. Donald. ☎ 3646. (40)

Bi BM, bottom, seeking young black servicemen, ex-Marines, Army, Navy, wrestlers, bald a +. Also looking for ruff tuff street butch types. Donald. ☎ 3714. (40)

Light-skinned BM, 38, single, shy, movies, sports, politics. Not very experienced, but love being gay. Interested in someone nice and together. James. ☎ 3628. (40)

Whatzup? D.J., versatile black single male looking for a little fun. If you're down with that why don't you give me a message. Peace. ☎ 3571. (40)

BM, 28, looking for BM, 25-45, must be very masculine, athletic, hairy and/or bearded, college students preferred. You must be top and butch and know how to take control. Tony. ☎ 3587. (40)

Light-skinned male, 5'9½", hazel eyes. If you're interested in meeting someone who is down to earth, loves to cook, movies, non-promiscuous, call and leave a message. Tim. ☎ 3573. (40)

BGM, 5'11", 185, very attractive, muscular, enjoys communicating, eating, music, sports and working out, seeks BGM muscular with same interest. No

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BM, 35, 6'1", 220 pounds seeks tall BM into bodybuilding, nice looking, athletic. Al. ☎ 3471. (39)

GBM, 5'11", 170, 23, slender, nice build, would like to meet other black or Latino men 23-30, you must be educated and knowledgeable. Andre. ☎ 3320. (38)

I love to talk on the phone, would like to meet someone special. James. ☎ 3097. (38)

What's up? I love to rub. I'm black and hot. Let's get together and party. Seek black men only. Kevin. ☎ 3441. (39)

Men's Personals—MO

St. Louis area. Male, 6'2", 210 lbs., bottom, attractive, have medium complexion, and like to have fun. Anthony. ☎ 3682. (40)

BM, 37, St. Louis area, interested in meeting other guys for friendship, fun, good times, play, talking, thinking, laughing, hanging out, getting close, getting to know each other. Rudy. ☎ 3618. (40)

African American male, 30, 5'7", 155 lbs., straight-acting, educated, athletic build, works out, enjoys music, movies, outdoor travel, science, bowling, and quite evenings seeks attractive African American, Caribbean/Jamacian or Nigerian straight-acting educated male 25-55 years old. Leave detail message or send letter or photo. Dan. ☎ 3786. ✐ 195. (40)

GWM, 27, 6'1", 175, blond/brown, moustache, versatile bottom, St. Louis area, seeks exciting goodlooking black guys. ☎ 3342. (38)

Men's Personals—MN

GBM, masculine, 38, looking to meet GBM 25-40, tall, dark-skinned who is willing to be spoiled rotten and cared about. You should enjoy to take walks, movies and more. Nate. ☎ 3872. (41)

Men's Personals—NJ

I'm a GBM, brown skin, 220 lbs., 6'2", teddy bear and looking for serious relationship. HIV-. Looking for GBM, tall dark and very muscular with large thighs and legs. Have to like tight jeans and sneakers on himself. HIV-and no queens. ☎ 3825. ✐ 202. (40)

Horny GWM seeks phone action with local guys. I'm 24, Irish construction worker, but not always a top. Let's set a time to melt the phone lines. Photo/letter. ☎ 3728. ✐ 194. (40)

Men's Personals—NY

Cuban, 28, looking for BGM for possible relationship or friendship. I enjoy gym three times a week, bodybuilding and having a good time. Tony. ☎ 3909. (42)

GBM from Brazil, 28, 5'9", 130, HIV+, looking for someone special any age or race for serious relationship based on friendship and respect. Mario. ☎ 3827. (41)

Attractive GBM, 35, interested in meeting athletic type top male. If interested check me out. ☎3836. (41)

Very attractive Taurus, 27, born in April, 220#, looking for Cancer male, 24-30. I'll be waiting. Tony. ☎ 3842. (41)

BM, masculine, 45, 5'8", 170#, HIV-, balding, bearded, French A/P, Greek P, seeking masculine, HIV-men (any race) for fun and possible relationship. Reply with photo to: Roy, Box 250546, Brooklyn, NY 11225-0545. (40)

Cultured, quiet, elderly black gent, retired (68); very short, stocky, serving; seeks senior Afro-American males, 50-plus, in NYC area, who are tall, vigorous, masculine, agressive. Dave R., 930 Grand Concourse #6B, Bronx, NY 10451. 718-681-0179. Call only 8 p.m.-midnight. (39)

BM, 6', beard, looking to meet serious-minded brothers. Peace. Ed. ☎ 3817. (40)

Gay black male, 33, looking for good time or possible relationship with GBM, 35-40. Kenny. ☎ 3818. (40)

Brooklynite, 30, 6', 170 lbs., brown complexion, toned body. Interested in meeting community conscious brothers of African descent only, 30+, secure sense of themselves, emotionally mature, not afraid to communicate their needs. Call Savage. ☎ 3809. (40)

Aggressive, easy going, very masculine, enjoys boxing, movies, plays and kicking it at home with someone special. You should be very masculine, 20-45 years old, big, heavyset, tall, homeboy with basketball/football player look. Mike. ☎ 3644. (40)

GBM, 24 seeks other GBMs for safe group sex. Horny black men or well endowed men are A+. ✐ 3574. (40)

BB, 45, Italian-Polish, 198, healthy, HIV+, versatile, 6', average endowment, hairy, handsome, moustache, seeks lean versatile GBM with well defined muscles, 35 to 55 into weights. Photo to Box 6A, 111 Montague St., Brooklyn NY 11201. (38)

GBM, 35, bottom, would like to meet GM top. Must be in fairly good shape, under 40 years old. Call James at 718-803-3906. (38)

Hi. My name is Raymond. I'm a BGM, 32, 5'7", 187 lbs., HIV+, Cancerian ISO dialogue with compatible, hairy, tall, GWM for lover/relationship. No addictions. Leos, Taurus men a +. ☎ 3444. ✐ 174. (39)

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Black male, 32, 5'10", 190, muscular build, military, new to New England area, seeks white male 25-45. Monty. ☎ 3004. (38)

Tall, goodlooking, wants to date a black guy. Michael. ☎ 3099. (38)

Attractive PR, 41, 140#, 5'11", interested in meeting blacks (African, American, West Indian including Rastas) and fair to dark skinned PRs, Dominicanos, Arabs and Brazilians for fun and friendship. Must be top, hung 8+, clean, straight looking/acting, discreet, able to keep an erection with condom on. Age/height unimportant. No bottoms, fats, collect or j/o calls, solicitors or hustlers. NYC residents or visitors to this area only. Call Lou, 718-271-0832, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. or leave mess. (38)

BM seeks BM, 25-35, for fun and excitement. Let's hang out. Troy. ☎ 3443. (39)

Men's Personals—NC

GWM, 40, 5'8", 165, dark hair, beard, writer, serious, romantic, seeks ebony prince charming, 23-35, slim to medium build for monogamous relationship. ☎ 3634. (40)

Men's Personals—OH

Seeking GBM. This GWM, 36, 5'11", 155, is searching for black friend/roommate/lover. I'm sincere, honest, quiet and faithful. You can be tall or short, but not overweight. Sex is not important, but a serious relationship is. I will treat you like you've never been treated before. Respond with letter/photo to Ron, Box 141023, Dayton OH 45414. Penpals welcome. (38)

GBM, 6'1", 185, 37, HIV+, healthy, handsome, hairy nice build, varied interests, seek a masculine GM who has it together. Write me. Plenty of life left to live onwards and upwards. ☎ 3631. ✐ 191. (40)

BM, 27, Scott, seeks Latins, PR, Arabs, BM in Cleveland area. ☎ 3308. (38)

Men's Personals—OK

Looking for hard men like myself in the Tulsa area, fair skinned, greenish eyes, very discrete. Rick. ☎ 3864. (41)

GBM seeks other men in Tulsa area for romantic times. Masculine, tall, thin, handsome. Caesar. ☎ 3456. (39)

Men's Personals—PA

Chocolate hard body, 26, in search of other exceptional black men who are seeking a truly hot sensual experience or a good platonic friendship. I appreciate a masculine butch bottom who's conservative and also ready for action. Let me drive your body like a Maserati. I like to drive if you like to be driven. Dick. ☎ 3933. (42)

BM, 32, 6'2", 195, handsome, a man's man, in search of a BM, 30-40, tall, medium brown to dark, developed, bald, nubian featued, big lips, nose, ears, fingers, feet and you know what else. I prefer a strong, agressive, take charge police, serviceman, pro athlete. I'm discrete and totally dedicated. Married or Bi a+. Ramon. ☎ 3861. (41)

Gay male, 6'1½", 44½" chest, 31" waist, looking for extremely tall black brothers, 6'2"-7', homeboy look with athletic build, African, rastas, ex-prisoners, top, 8" or more, discrete. Ramone. ☎ 3816. (40)

Whats up my Nubian brothers? I'm 27, 5'7", 200 lbs., in shape. I like to travel, hike, bike, read, hang and you know what I mean by "hang." I'm about the positive, not the negative. ☎ 3807. (40)

GM, 32, 5'9", 200 lbs., professional, romantic, Cancerian, active in church, enjoy clubs now and then. "T". ☎ 3655. (40)

GBM, 25, 5'6", bodybuilder, bottom, love to have sex. Looking for nice looking brothers who like to get down with a good looking BB. Russell. ☎ 3709. (40)

Yo. My name is T. I'm 5'9", 195, pleasingly plump, 32 and professional. Looking for someone that is real, romantic, sexy dominant, fun and likes good rubdowns. If you're the one then call my mailbox. ☎ 3600. (40)

BM, 6'1", 198, sexy would like to meet other sharp looking guys who like to get it on with me. I like to go to parks and have fun, if you're down with that call me. Gerald. ☎ 3623. (40)

Yo guys, Brian here, 30, 5'9", 155, blond flat-top, hazel eyes, ex-marine, Pittsburgh area, looking for clean cut masculine straight up black guys 21-35 for good clean fun. ☎ 3620. (40)

BM, 32, 5'9", 170, light brown, seeks black men ages 25-35, non-smoker, must be a man, no fems, no drugs, no games. Be romantic, caring, honest and real. No fats, no sugar daddys—just straight up about us. ☎ 3365. ✐ 172. (38)

Men's Personals—SC

I enjoy singing, dancing, having fun, writing poetry and just mingling with friends. Dee Dee. ☎ 3859. (41)

GM, 23, enjoys writing poetry, dancing, singing, hanging out with friends. Avery. ☎ 3730. (40)

Masculine, discrete, African American brother, slim build, nice looking, medium brown, into sports, movies, arts, seeks friendship, possible relationship with masculine, muscular, handsome, black brother who is athletic, bodybuilder type. Hairy a +, with a big plump black man's butt. There it is. Dwayne. ☎ 3696. (40)

Men's Personals—TN

African American male, very attractive, 6'1", fantastic personality, journalist, live in Nashville. Into movies, music and fun. Seeks someone for fun and romance. Lorenzo. ☎ 3572. (40)

Men's Personals—TX

BM, 39, bottom, residing in Sherman, I like just about everything, quiet evenings at home, fun nights out on the town, romantic candlelit dinners. I'm interested in meeting a relationship-oriented, strong, competent BM who has his act together. Artis. ☎ 3857. (41)

GBM bottom, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs., seeking a well-endowed black top for serious dating and possible relationship. Light-complexion a definite plus. Peace out. ☎ 3868. (41)

Word up. BM, 33, looking for a strong black brother for a good friendship. I'm an assistant engineer in Houston and you should be a profesional also. AJ. ☎ 3878. (41)

Masculine BM, 25, enjoys weightlifting, basketball, seeking masculine professional guys who like to laugh and have a good time. Why don't you check me out? Later. ☎ 3879. (41)

African American bottom, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs., light complexion, seeks well endowed top men of color for serious dating, possible relationship. Bowlegs or blue-black complexion a definite plus. ☎ 3868. ✐ 206. (40)

GBM, 19, wanting to meet an attractive, sincere relationship-oriented black masculine male between the ages of 24 and 32. Interests include good sense of humor, open minded, spending quality time. No dead beats! ☎ 3866. (40)

Masculine, muscular, well-endowed top, professional, seek tall 6'6" +, muscular, professional GBM bottom for passionate safe sex or possible relationship, 30-50, HIV-only. Robert. ☎ 3770. (40)

I'm looking for a big muscular BM, body builder, football build type. I'm 25, light skinned, 6'2", 170 lbs., basketball player build, very masculine and I travel all over the country. ☎ 3741. (40)

BM, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs., dark skin, bowlegged, licensed registered nurse. I'm interested in meeting young, 18-24, black and Hispanic guys who take pride in your self and your appearance. I live in Houston. Lee. ☎ 3742. (40)

GWM, 39, 6'1", over 300 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. Are you looking for more than a one night stand? Call Terry from Dallas. ☎ 3791. (40)

GBM, bottom, looking for top action from black masculine male. Peace out! Jeff. ☎ 3795. (40)

BM, 6'3", 230, 30 years old, light complexion, bottom, seeking dominant military or blue collar type. Must be well-endowed. You should have a dark complexion and interested in serious dating or relationship. John. ☎ 3796. (40)

GBM 165 lbs., 5'10" educated, endowed, seek other blacks, P.R. for hot safe sex. No fakes, pretenters or fems. Only positive sincere men need reply. Photos get mine. ✐ 201. (40)

Professional, BGM, 5'7", 26, body and facial hair, seeking top man for fun and friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy conversation, candlelight dinners, theater. You should be comfortable with your life style. You should love life and love to live it. Terry. ☎ 3702. (40)

GBM, 5'11", 185 lbs., 38, clean-cut, moustache, homebody, HIV-. I'm into reading and working out. Seeking monogamous relationship. No games. ☎ 3383. (39)

GWM, blonde, blue, bottom, 5'10", 188 lbs., 38, looks younger. Seeking any race slim top-man; bi ok. Write with photo to Boxholder, Box 90008, San Antonio, TX 78209-9008. (41)

Houston BM, 38, seeking African American males, 18-40 who are very much into bodybuilding with huge muscle-bound bodies. ☎ 3410. (39)

Looking for a hot "man" of color with the best looking masculine round smooth "man" butt out there and a hot pair of legs to go along with it. Bow legs a plus! I am attractive WM, hairy, hot and hung, with runner's legs. Box 7415, Dallas, TX 75209. (38)

GBM, 5'10", 190, brown complexion, wear glasses, fade haircut, likes to party at home, seeks to meet couples for fun. Clark. ☎ 3445. (39)

Men's Personals—VA

Attractive GBM, 29, artist, 5'8", 145, HIV+, in good health. Seeks attractive, well built, masculine homeboy of black or white color to share interest in music, weightlifting, workouts, theater, African art, sports, cooking, reading, intimate evenings and more serious about life and living it with an open mind and have hopes in a stimulating relationship. Then send photo and letter to Box 3216, Reston, VA 22090. (38)

Men's Personals—WA

Very goodlooking, BM, 6'3", 195 lbs., 28, facial hair, seek rough trade, black, Latin or Arab, discrete, big legs and thighs A+. I live in Northwest but visit Southern California often. Kerry. ☎ 3781. (40)

BM, 6', 165, athletic runners build, aspiring BB, new to Seattle area, looking for a few friends to show me around. Sam. ☎ 3579. (40)

Single, tall, dark, handsome. I like to get out and go to concerts, plays, darts, drinking, enjoy Jimi Hendrix, Stones, classical, country, 4X4s, motorcycles, chess. I'm looking for someone to talk to. Jerry. ☎ 3621. (40)

Men's Personals—WI

Between 21-40? African American, Puerto Rican, other? Goal oriented? Passionate? Endowed at least 8½" and thick? Attuned to social justice? I am 43, GHM, 5'10", Blk/Brn, 225#, seeking intimacy and friendship. Respond to all, will return photos. Mark, Box 10361, Milwaukee, WI 53210. (39)

Man wanted. Sincere, understanding and open-minded. You: Black/Latin/White. Must be: active/passive, in-shape (bodybuilder/jock build), non-fat/femme, 18-40. Tall A+. Leather A+. Monoga-

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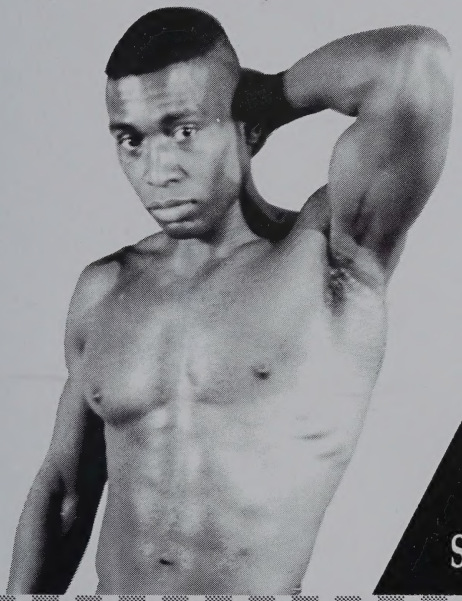

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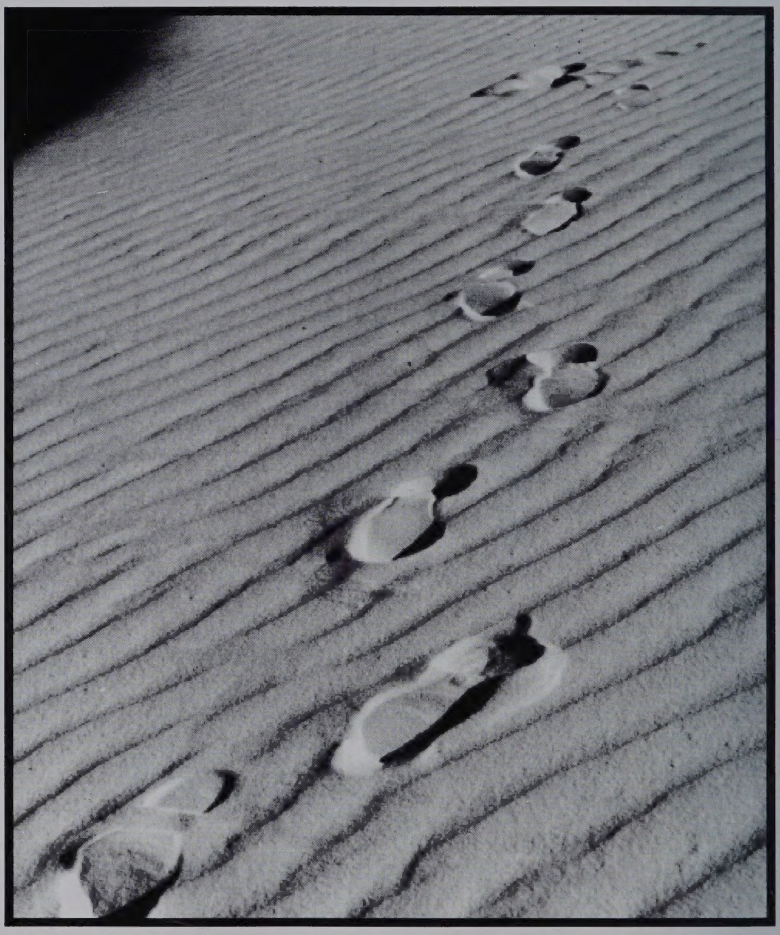

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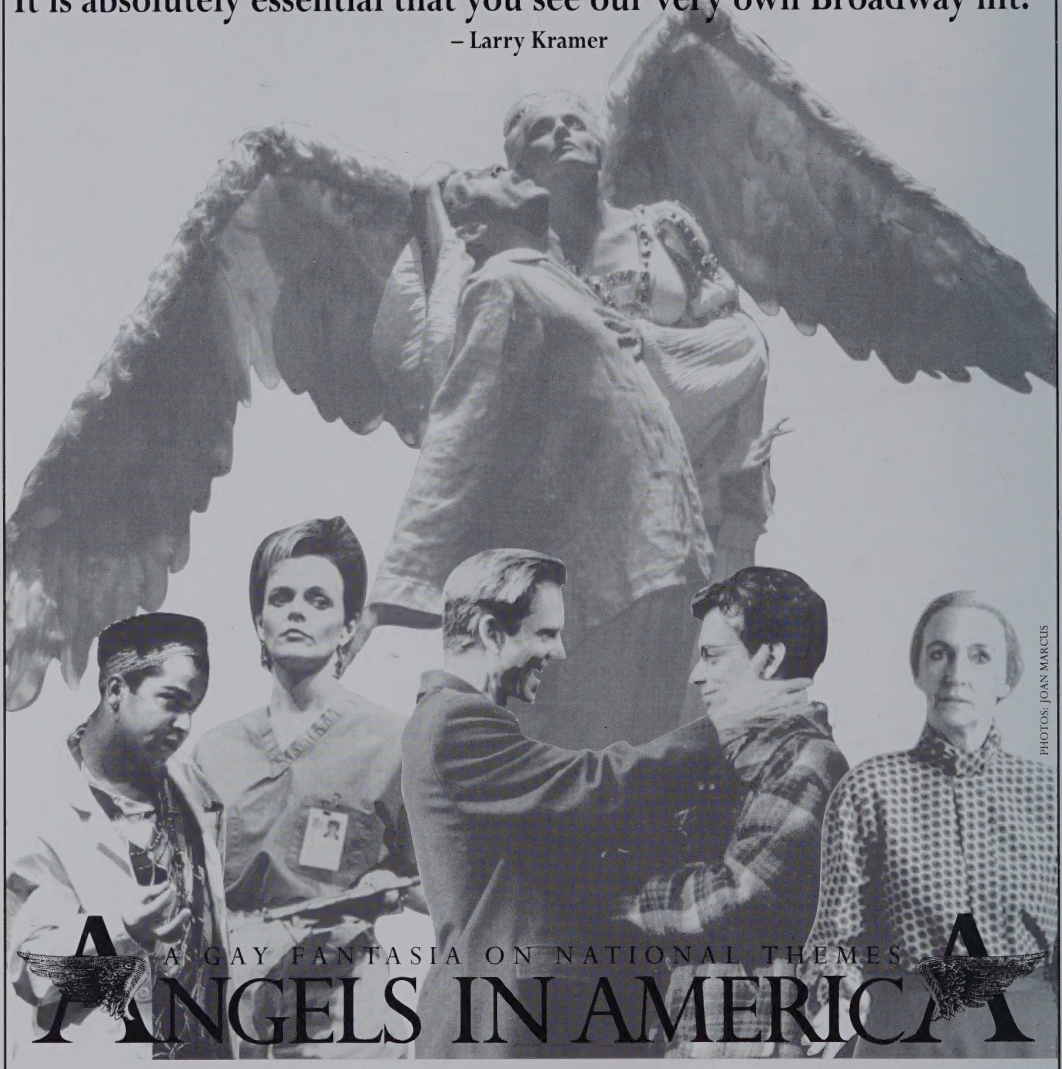

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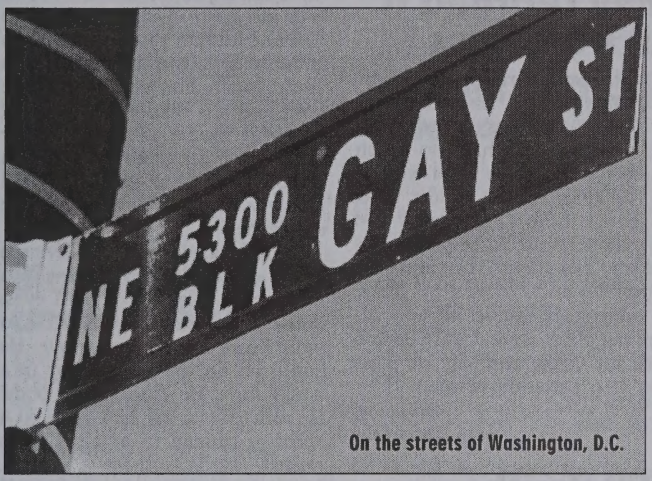

On the streets of Washington, D.C.

By Leon Miller

White Men Can't Stick it In

The title *White Men Can't Jump* became *White Men Don't Know How to Stick It In* when a version of the 1992 hit film starring Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson was created for the Spanish market.

Nubian: 'Fuck Up a Faggot'

Sadat X, Lord Jamar and Sincere who collectively make up the rap group known as Brand Nubian give us this month's homophobic rap lyrics.

In "Punks Jump Up to Get Beat Down" from their album released last year, *In God We Trust*, we hear "Well, I can freak, fly, flow, fuck up a faggot. Don't understand their ways and I ain't down with gays."

No More Rebels at All American

All American Boy, the clothiers famous for their stores in the heart of San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles's gay meccas, began 1994 by featuring a bathing suit emblazened with the rebel flag. The flag, long synonymous with the Confederacy, was recently lambasted on the floor of Congress by Senator Carol Mosely-Braun (D-Ill.) as a symbol of racism and bigotry. The flag is undergoing a resurgence in popularity, having been adopted by a plethora of racist, homophobic, neo-Nazi organizations.

The clothing, manufactured surprisingly by Speedo, was featured prominently in the first window display of the New Year in the West Hollywood branch.

A salesperson questioned was unaware of the connotations of the flag, but indicated that there were but a few of the swimsuits left, and that they would not likely be carried again.

Gay Street Signs in D.C.

Everyone knows that Washington, D.C. is *very* black and *very* gay, but not everyone knows that they publicize it on their street signs. The photo at left is courtesy of D.C. reader Brad Green.

Hit at Funerals

Whitney Houston's hit single "I Will Always Love You" is the most popular song at funerals and crematoriums in England according a poll in Britain.

Brand Nubian

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They Learned It All from Ross

How dare he criticize Miss Ross that way ("BLK Tea," BLK, January 1994). Miss Ross has struggled and worked very hard to reach where she has come. And who in the hell does Preston Guider think taught all those drag queens and transvestites how to be glamorous and sexy and classy? They learned it all from her.

I advise Mr. Guider to take his head out of his ass and wake up and smell the coffee and stay off Miss Ross' case. This is the nineties!

Mark Le Duff
Santa Monica, Calif.

Will Smith Kisses Up to PR

I hope everyone understands what Will Smith's refusal to kiss a man in the movie *Six Degrees of Separation* is all about ["BLK Tea," BLK, February 1994]. It's a disclaimer to his homophobic fans for playing the role of a gay character. It's his way of saying, i.e., demonstrating, to the world that he can play a fag in a movie but not be one.

Personally, I think it stinks, but it's a career move. Nothing more or less.

David Reed
Oakland, Calif.

Divine Spiritual Power in a Lover

New life sex. I've read. The new magazine global and see this ad black spiritual power vibrations in new power sex. It is in the air. Divine spiritual power. Spirit telling to all spiritual power to do this. To do that and spiritual power changing life in the peoples. Cunts get hot to love women love woman sucking spiritual divine power. Boys get so horny in a spiritual feeling. It is spiritual power. Divine is not human as we are. He is spirit. Ghost. I tell you my truth: If you want to know who is divine, go to His office and talk to him and tell him you love him. You come to love him as him. If you could touch him with your love arms and kiss him, you'll see what you will receive from his bodily form. You'll get a power. Vibration to your sex if you are male. You'll get very horny to love him more and more.

I'm seeking a lover. Black. Divine is in the office, they say. God is in a color: dark. Black or brown eyes. Some people say he could be to your heart whoever you love. He could be on the same color in a bodily form. He changing his body. He won't if you ask him. Are you a spirit or human man? I say from myself, "He is God Jesus." Secret. Many the law. He could be himself. Changing the body to be like human mother.

I seek a black horny boy, any age, up to one hundred years. I pray, also, could be spiritual power. I write this spirit changing people mind and thoughts. It is spirit. Just like a air blow. I love more male than female. Divine power in me. I seek to love.

P.B.
Saint Anne, Manitoba
Canada

Wants Coming Out Stories

While reading a copy of Out magazine, I came across an article written about Phill Wilson by Eric K. Washington, the N.Y. editor of BLK. Sad to say, I wasn't aware that there was such a magazine.

I spent a year attempting to convince myself that when I came out to my family, I would be surrounded by the love and understanding I had read about in the coming out stories that appeared in other gay and lesbian mags. NOT! At least not in my black Christian family where the Clinton military policy had long been in effect: "Don't Ask, Don't tell and Definitely Don't Act on It." Then

I learned of BLK.

I knew then I wouldn't have to go it alone. There must be some other black persons out there who had experienced my confusion, and in a strange sort of way I was happy. If others had gone through what I was going through and made it out sane, then for them I had an ever listening ear, an eager eye and an open mind.

I hope that, if you haven't already done a piece on this, you will, and that if I missed it, you'll tell me where I can get a back issue.

K.P.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Black Sisters and Brothers

Just wanted to drop a line to say how much I enjoy your magazine. As an Afro-American gay male living in the homogeneous homo community of West Hollywood, I am weary of the incessant barrage of middle class images and perspectives I am limited to in other gay publications.

Your magazine is like an oasis. Every time I finish reading it, I feel like I've just had a talk with a bunch of black sisters and brothers who feel like I do. It's exhilarating and grounding at the same time. Keep up the good work.

Ken Anderson
West Hollywood, Calif.

Need More Lesbian News

You need more coverage of the African American lesbian community.

F.R.
New York, N.Y.

We agree. Women are urged to let us know what is going on in their communities and to join the staff.

Bewitching and Unique Minority

I am very much sympathetic to the obstacles that our culture or subculture has to face on a day-to-day basis in getting our emotions across to the world, where in most cases we are rendered invisible. But I like that because it makes us work extra hard not to take things for granted as most straight African Americans do. It gives us an occult type of flair. We are indeed a bewitching and unique minority.

Jerry Barnes,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rumors of a BLK Sale to Whites

As a proud African American gay man from the South, I have been a fan of yours since you began back in the late '80s, but I just heard some disturbing news. I was told that you have been bought by a white company. Please tell me it's not true. Please tell me that we have not lost one of our most significant institutions.

Greg Lee-Douglas
Nashville, Tenn.

It's not true. But we have contracted with a white-owned company for three specific services. Advertising sales has always been BLK's most significant problem. After being unsuccessful at it for over six years, we decided to contract out that function to the advertising sales department of Frontiers, a white-owned gay newspaper. They got us Budweiser in about 15 minutes. Their clout also enabled us to get a better deal on printing and distribution. That's it. BLK's ownership has not changed; it remains 100 percent black, gay-owned.

Although it is a goal of nearly every black organization to keep as many dollars as possible within the community, some dollars inevitably leave. They go to Mormon-owned WordPerfect for computer software, to Japanese-owned Nikon to purchase camera equipment or to white-owned Xerox for a copier. We are, for instance, unaware of any black-owned offset web printing company with the capability or desire to print BLK even if we could afford to pay a slight premium.

But things change. The deal with Frontiers was never intended to be anything more than a transient bridge to a more secure BLK future. We welcome any supplier of goods and services that can give us a good deal, and if the dollars go into black hands, so much the better. Finally, if there is a black company or individual that can deliver on ad sales in other local markets, let's talk.

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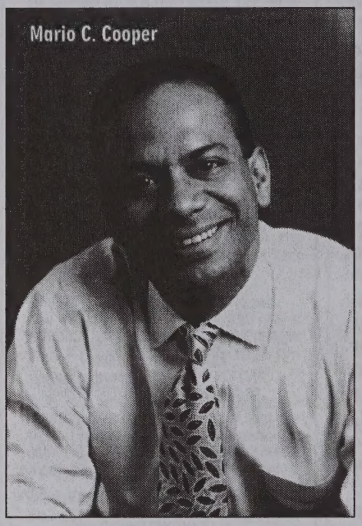

Mario C. Cooper

WASHINGTON
Mario C. Cooper has been elected president of the board of directors of the AIDS Action Council. He is the first African American to head that organization.

LOS ANGELES
Ayofemi Folayan, a writer and activist for lesbian and gay rights and for the rights of the disabled, was a recent guest lecturer at the One Institute.

NEW YORK
Gay Men of African Descent has named five new members to its board of directors: Barrington Boothe, Hakeem Muhammad, Kenneth Ray, Michael Patrick Saunders and Derwin Keith Vega.

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C.
Angela Shiloh-Cryer, the director of education for NO/AIDS Task Force in New Orleans, and John-Peter Wilhite, the director of education of AIDS Services of Austin, have been named to the Burroughs Wellcome Co.'s HIV Community Advisory Board.

NEW YORK
Paulette JoAnne Dixon is the new administrative assistant at the national headquarters of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

SAN FRANCISCO
Randy Miller has been appointed program director for the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. He was formerly the director of Raifiki Services.

SACRAMENTO
Marghe Covino has been named to the board of directors of the local NAACP chapter. She is also the board president of the city's Lambda Community Center.

LOS ANGELES
Bob Finney is the documenting photographer for the International Gay and Lesbian Archives.

NEW YORK
Candice Boyce is the new user systems manager of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. She will work with over 400 groups that use the center as a meeting place.

SAN FRANCISCO
Tiffany Newby has joined the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights as an internal affairs associate.

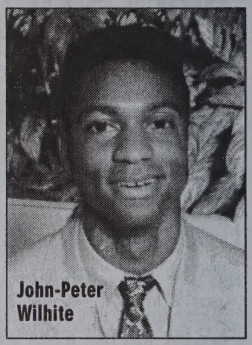
LOS ANGELES
Deborah Eli, a pioneer in the development of support services for women with HIV and AIDS, was posthumously awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the City of Los Angeles.

LAS VEGAS
Rod Wright was honored for his role as the national board alumni chairperson at the Founder's Day banquet for the Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity.

NEW YORK
Pat Norman is a co-chair of Stonewall 25, the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People, scheduled for June 26 in New York City.

NEW YORK
Howard Buford is vice president, and George Bellinger, Jr. has a seat on the board of directors of the Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival to be held June 18-25.

WASHINGTON
Frank J. Oldham Jr. has been named chief of the District's Agency for HIV/AIDS. He had been director of the New York City health department's Office of Gay and Lesbian Health Concerns since March 1991.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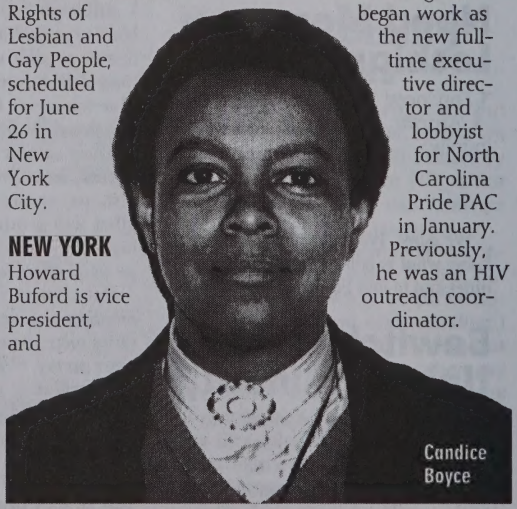
CHAPEL HILL, N.C.
Derek Livingston began work as the new full-time executive director and lobbyist for North Carolina Pride PAC in January. Previously, he was an HIV outreach coordinator.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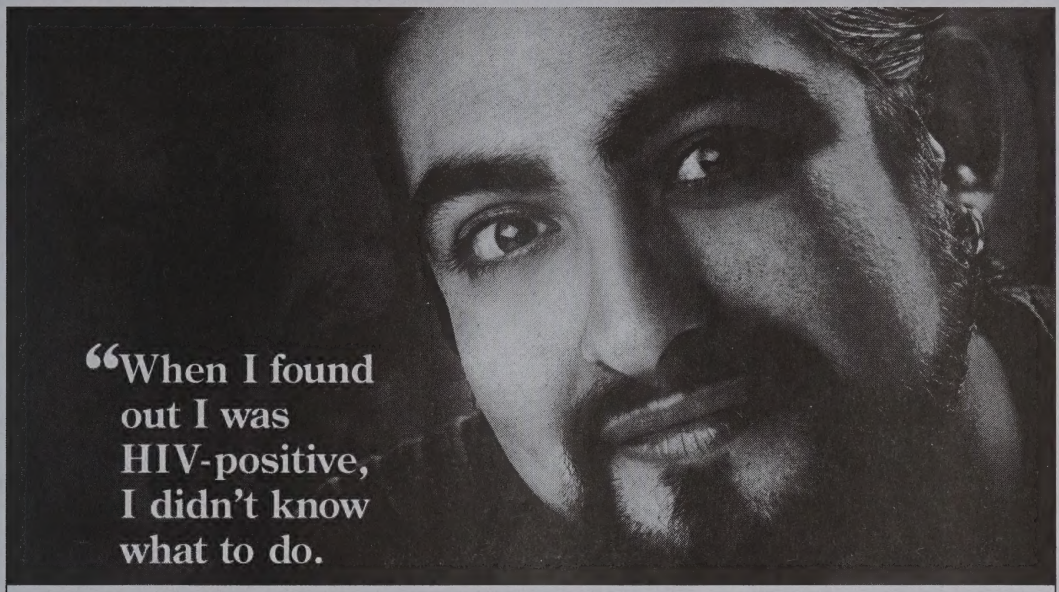

So I didn't do anything. Then I heard about **L.A. Shanti's Positive Living For Us (PLUS)**, a free weekend seminar for people dealing with HIV. It was incredible. I learned about facing my fears, about nutrition, dating, treatments, services and so much more – all in a warm, friendly environment. Now I'm ready to go on living my life!" Shanti's next PLUS seminar will be held the weekend of March 18-20. To register, please call 213-962-8197. Child care is available.

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MUST MEN WHO LOVE BOYS BE GUILTY OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?

A CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES IN THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MICHAEL JACKSON

BY LEE SAVAGE

Michael Jackson. To say the name ten years ago was to evoke images of unbridled success. The Gloved One had everything: fame, wealth, power. Children especially idolized him and he appeared to derive special pleasure from their innocent adoration. From the inner city to suburbia, a generation of boys tried to imitate his mystically effortless

See how they fall. 1993 was quite a year for Michael Jackson. Although he was already idolized and adored by millions worldwide, in an effort to overhaul his image as a more accessible King of Pop, Rock and Soul, Michael was seemingly everywhere: singing alongside the Clintons at pre-inaugural galas, presenting awards and performing at the NAACP Image Awards and The American Music Awards, performing in a golden wheelchair at the Soul Train Awards, and dazzling 91 million television viewers during a half-time performance at Super Bowl XXVII. As a result, his Dangerous album, which had languished on the bottom of "Billboard" charts after 47 weeks in release, was now again in the top ten. He was about to embark on the Asian and South American leg of his world tour and he could do no wrong. However, behind the scenes, the stage was being set for what would eventually become his fall from grace.

Jan. 16 Appears at the NAACP Image Awards.
Jan. 19 Performs at a pre-inaugural gala alongside newly elected President Clinton.
Jan. 25 Appears on the American Music Awards.
Jan. 31 Dazzles 91 million viewers with "Heal the World" at half-time during Super Bowl XXVII.
Feb. 10 Long regarded as weird in private, he gives his first TV interview in years on ABC's much-hyped Michael Jackson Talks to...Oprah. Ninety million viewers tune in as he says he has vitiligo, a disease that discolors his skin; that he has never tried to buy the Elephant Man's bones; and that he's dating Brooke Shields. When pressed by Oprah about his love life, Jackson avoids the subject, maintains decorum and avows that he is a "gentleman."
Feb. 12 Alleged victim visits Neverland along with his mother and sister for the first time.
Feb. 18 Shields maintains that she and Jackson are just good friends. After all, she's been romantically linked with everyone from JFK, Jr. to Saudi Arabian princes at one time or another. It's all a scam.
Feb. 24 Suddenly the most visible man in pop, Jackson (escorted by Shields) appears with sister Janet at the Grammy Awards, dispelling the longstanding rumor that they're one and the same.
March 8 Announces the formation of Michael Jackson Productions, Inc. an independent film company that will give a share of profits to his Heal The World Foundation.
March 9 Wins awards for best album ("Dangerous") and best R&B single ("Remember The Time") at Soul Train Music Awards and performs in a golden wheelchair after spraining an ankle.

Moonwalk. No review of 20th century American culture would be complete without paying homage to the self-proclaimed King of Pop, Rock and Soul. As his legend swelled to mythical proportions the laughable tabloid articles about him multiplied. "Michael proposes to Liz." "Michael's best friend is a chimp." "Michael wants to buy the Elephant Man's bones." "Michael is Janet." We came to anticipate each increasingly implausible headline as we did each new CD or video. It was all part of the deliciously eccentric Jackson mystique.

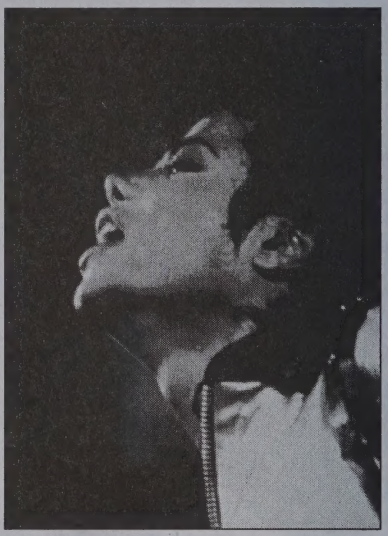
Today the mention of Michael Jackson's name can inspire a wide range of emotions: pity from some, disgust from others. The media fires he once stoked so expertly now threaten to consume him. The tabloid stories have crossed the line between the peculiar and the criminal. Considering the heights he once scaled, perhaps it isn't surprising that his fall, if that is in fact what we are witnessing, has been almost unbearably hard.

This winter's media storm of updates and reported sightings, especially during the "Where's Michael?" barrage has been overwhelming. From the respected halls of network television to the less esteemed supermarket tabloids, everyone was talking about Michael. Most stories would fade under the light of such extreme overexposure, yet the interest in Michael remains obsessive. Why is America fixated on his misfortune?

The most cited reason, that people are concerned about the children involved, doesn't hold up. Where is the interest in the millions of children who live in poverty? Across America children are threatened by violence and intimidated by despair and feelings of powerlessness. An entire generation of black youth is being lost with hardly a whisper from the public, much less an outcry. Clearly something beyond concern for the innocent keeps Michael on our national conscience.

Before examining what that might be, it must be noted that Jackson is innocent until proven otherwise. A truly objective examination of society's fascination with Jackson cannot be conducted unless nothing is presumed about his guilt. Forget what has been said about his baths, showers and sleepovers with young friends. None of it can be considered until and unless it is presented in a court of law with an opportunity for rebuttal.

A confession is also in order. For years it has been common among gays, black and white, to assume Michael was a boy-lover. Many have been convinced that there could be no other explanation for his constant underaged male escorts. Others have disagreed, but when these allegations first surfaced many gay men felt vindicated. We didn't realize that by judging Michael predicated on our own assumptions we were behaving like closed-minded bigots.



How many black men have stepped on to an elevator, or into a department store and known by the reactions of those around them that they were not trusted? It doesn't matter if the man is impeccably dressed, or in the most professional of settings. Some people see a black male and draw conclusions based on their own limited knowledge.

Of course, perceptions do not alter reality. The woman in the elevator and the clerk in the store aren't endangered by their own fear. Their thinking doesn't make every black man a rapist or a thief. It follows then that public perceptions of Michael don't define his behavior. Our inability to conceive of a non-sexual reason for his actions doesn't mean he doesn't have one. So perhaps Michael deserves an apology from the lesbian and gay community.

If Michael admitted being a boy-lover, should he retain his right of presumed innocence? The public furor which would follow such a revelation would

guarantee his conviction, were formal charges ever filed. Perhaps this is fair. A man predisposed to a behavior, accused of that behavior, could well be guilty. Predisposition establishes desire. Desire often translates into action.

But does it always? A heterosexual

man accused of rape is not usually convicted simply because he has dated the alleged victim. Particularly not when there is as much money to be gained via a false claim as existed in Jackson's situation. There is perhaps no better illustration of this than the case of that known heterosexual, William Kennedy Smith. Although alone with a young woman to whom he was sexually attracted, he was acquitted of assaulting her. But if Jackson were a known boy-lover, no jury would listen to his claim of innocence.

It's foolish of us to assume that every pedophile will act upon his urges at every opportunity. The same distorted thinking is used to keep lesbian and gay men out of the military. Those against lifting the ban claim that with soldiers living in close quarters, lesbians and gay men wouldn't be able to control their thoughts, fantasies and actions. Obviously that is not true. Self-control varies according to each individual's strength of character. There are women and men of all sexual identities who are content to enjoy non-sexual relationships with those they desire.

In *Rare Air*, a new coffee table book by and about another Michael, there is a picture of basketball legend Michael Jordan bathing with his two sons. Most people would not find the photo at all disturbing. We realize a man and a boy can be naked, play around in a bathtub, and not have a sexual experience. However, if this photo were of the other Michael, it would be considered the ultimate proof of his guilt. Of course, Jordan is bathing with his own children, while Michael Jackson would not be. This difference in the relationship between the bathers is at least partially responsible for the difference in perceptions.

Is it the only reason though, or is there more? What if this were a photo of a less famous man? If that man left his wife for another man the photo could easily be used against him in a custody battle. He would be lucky to get visitation rights, whether or not he was a boy-lover. Society currently paints all gay men with the same broad stroke, allowing no distinction between those attracted to men and those attracted to boys. As a result, all gay men are considered a threat to male children. Paradoxically, all heterosexual men are not considered a threat to female children.

A Boston D.J. has already convicted Jackson. He and his cohorts spend a good deal of air time taking cheap shots at him. Not long ago his daily Michael-Is-Scum tirade was followed by the station's entertainment reporter. In keeping with the Kick-a-Man-When-He's-Down theme, he began by bashing Michael, but quickly advanced to other topics. His next story featured Madonna, a celebrity whose own carefully crafted image is

March 19 Gets approval from Santa Barbara County officials to build a breeding ground for gorillas, white tigers and bears at his Neverland Valley Ranch.
March 25 Junkbond king Michael Milken announces plans to team up with Jackson for an entertainment and educational network.
March 28 A private jet whisks the alleged victim, mother and sister along with Jackson to Las Vegas.
May 10 Attends World Music Awards in Monaco, accompanied by alleged victim.
June 13 Jackson launches his new MJJ/Epic record label with the "Free Willy" soundtrack.
July 9 Boy's mother and stepfather meet with Fields and security consultant Anthony Pellicano.
July 11 Another meeting.
Aug. 17 A Beverly Hills psychiatrist contacts Los Angeles Police Department's sexually exploited child unit after a 13-year-old patient claims Jackson fondled him....LAPD begins an investigation into charges, brought on by boy's father, that Jackson sexually abused the child at the singer's house earlier in the year....Father of alleged victim obtains a court injunction to deny Jackson any contact with his son.
Aug. 21 Police raid Jackson's ranch, seizing videotapes and other possible evidence.
Aug. 22 Jackson leaves U.S. for Bangkok to launch his aptly named Dangerous tour.
Aug. 23 LAPD formally announces its investigation of Jackson. Media war begins.
Aug. 24 From Thailand, Jackson denies the allegations. Pellicano says that the boy's father attempted to extort $20 million from Jackson to set up a production company, and that Jackson receives 25 to 30 such extortion attempts a year. In a show of support, PepsiCo says it will continue to sponsor the Dangerous tour and to air Jackson's commercials.
Aug. 26 The Jackson camp denies Michael has attempted suicide.... Brett Barnes, 11, a former playmate of Jackson's, says that they shared a bed but did not have sexual contact....Jackson cancels concert in Bangkok because of "acute dehydration."
Aug. 27 Police sources say videotapes seized at Neverland Ranch contain no incriminating evidence.
Aug. 29 Jackson turns 35 and performs a concert in Singapore. Elizabeth Taylor flies to his side to lend support.
Aug. 30 Jackson cancels a second Singapore show citing migraine headaches.
Sept. 2 LaToya Jackson, working the press from Tel Aviv, confirms that Michael used to spend the night with young boys in his room, but says "we really don't know [if the allegations are true]"....Jackson pulls out of a

deal to write and perform the title track to Addams Family Values.
Sept. 3 Jackson's parents, plus four siblings, fly to Taiwan. They're seated at the front of the stage during his Taipei concert.
Sept. 5 Jackson spends $4,500 in a shopping spree at a Taipei Toys 'R' Us store.
Sept. 14 Two former Jackson employees (who maintain he owes them $500,000 in wages) claim they saw him "doing what honeymooners do" with several young boys.
Sept. 15 The alleged victim files a civil suit case no. SC026226 against Jackson in Los Angeles County Superior Court. Charging seduction, sexual battery, willful misconduct, intentional infliction of emotional distress, fraud and negligence. "These sexually offensive contacts include but are not limited to defendant Michael Jackson orally copulating plaintiff, defendant Michael Jackson masturbating plaintiff, defendant Michael Jackson eating semen of plaintiff and defendant Michael Jackson having plaintiff fondle and manipulate the breasts and nipples of defendant Michael Jackson while defendant Michael Jackson would masterbate."
Sept. 18 In Jerusalem, Jackson is barred by Orthodox Jewish protestors from visiting Wailing Wall.
Oct. 7 Jackson attorney Bert Fields files a $10 million suit against the tabloid "Globe" for an article claiming the star offered to pay the families of allegedly abused children hush money.
Oct. 9 Jackson greets photographers stationed outside his Buenos Aires hotel balcony holding a copy of "Child" magazine, featuring an article titled "46 Fun Baby Games."
Oct. 29 Jackson asks California courts to delay the sexual-abuse suit for six years, when statute of limitations will have run out.
Oct. 31 Michael's grandfather Samuel Jackson, 100, dies in a Phoenix nursing home.
Nov. 8 Police confiscate boxes of photographs and files from Jackson's parents' Encino, Calif., home.
Nov. 12 With the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico looming ahead as the next stop on the Dangerous tour, Jackson, in Mexico, cancels the remainder of his tour, explaining that the pressures from the molestation charges have left him addicted to painkillers.
Nov. 13 Touching off a media frenzy, Jackson is reported to be in London's Charter Nightingale Clinic.
Nov. 14 With the cancellation of the Dangerous tour, PepsiCo wastes no time announcing it's 10-year relationship with Jackson has ended.
Nov. 15 His lawyer says the tour was canceled because Michael

about as diametrically opposed to Michael's as you can get. The Material Girl was on tour and rumored to have taken along Rodrigo Freire, a Brooklyn model who was 15 years old at the time. The story was delivered with all the "Lucky Kid" jokes we've come to expect in a heterosexual society. Seconds after Michael was damned for his alleged relationship with one teenager, Madonna was promoted as a virtual sex goddess for her affair with another.

Perhaps the most glaring inconsistency aired last fall on the *Sally Jessy Raphael Show*. The segment centered on a girl impregnated by a boy she'd been hired to babysit. At the time of the sexual contact their ages were 16 and 11, respectively. The girl sued the boy and his parents for child support and, amazingly, won. Try to imagine the same scenario with a homosexual flavor. The 16-year-old would have gone to court under entirely different circumstances. There almost certainly would have been a rape charge against him. Especially since, as a hired sitter, he would have held a position of authority over the younger boy.

It could be argued that the 11-year-old's admission that he both enjoyed and, at times, initiated the sex thwarted prosecution. (Indeed, one can visualize the boy's father boasting about his son's precocious virility.) What would happen, though, to an 11-year-old boy who said the same about sex with an older male? At the very least he would be forced into therapy and made to feel as though his own feelings couldn't be trusted. Counselors would spend years trying to break his spirit and coax him into testifying.

Part of the reason for these disparities is pop psychology's refusal to distinguish between men who behave as Michael may have, and men who kidnap, forcibly attack, and otherwise impose their will upon minors. Society is legitimately frightened by those psychopaths who place a higher value on their own satisfaction than the welfare of others. The sexual preference of a rapist matters little. Most people find any use of force repugnant. We rightfully distinguish between heterosexual men who rape and those who don't, yet for some reason a pedophile is a pedophile. Thus, the actions of a few breed fear of all.

Some might assert that the non-abusive heterosexual male differs from the like minded boy-lover because the boy-lover violates the law. On the surface this would appear to be a persuasive argument. After all, a healthy respect for the law is necessary for social order. Remember though, that this very same set of laws once enslaved generations, banned all expressions of homosexual love, and to this day is inconsistently enforced.

It's even more difficult to accept the "Illegal = Wrong" argument when history has shown that major social advancements are often preceded by some amount of criminalized activity. In their day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Harriet Tubman, and even Jesus Christ were all considered law-breakers. How much of civilization's growth has been stunted in

Madonna

the name of the law? How much more will we sacrifice?

The intense interest in Jackson is also fueled by fear of the unknown. America doesn't know what to make of a man who has demonstrated genuine affection for children also wanting to be sexual with them. We aren't prepared to accept a pedophile with Jackson's proven capacity to empathize with children. Anyone familiar with Thai culture, for example, might find it difficult to imagine the Thai being especially upset about what Jackson might have done. Even with their recent crackdown on gay and non-gay sexual solicitation among tourists, intergenerational homosexual relationships themselves pose no special problem. If there is genuine affection and approval

of both the boy and his parents, there is not likely to be any trouble. There is no urgent interest in ushering the men into prison or the boys into therapy.

Some years ago a group of American and Dutch college-aged men were working together at a camp. The Dutch guys could not understand why their American co-workers were agitated by their allowing pre-teen male campers to peek at them in the showers. In apt, if not flawless English, one of these Dutchmen asked, "If he is wanting to look at me and I am not minding, why are you caring?" A perfectly reasonable question none of the Americans could answer.

Does it not seem, then, that anyone who values sexual tolerance as a basic human right ought to support Jackson? Provided that no coercion was used, does it matter whether the alleged events occurred? Consistency demands that adolescent males involved in homosexual affairs be extended the same freedom granted the boy on *Sally Jessy Raphael*, or the laws that repress lesbians and gay men must be enforced against the straight community as well. Individual opinions can vary but the debate must be partnered with a demand for consistent treatment of all affectional relationships. Simply put, if Michael is to be persecuted, so too must Madonna.

This doesn't mean lesbian and gay rights advocates must support the abolition of age of consent laws. Nor does it mean a new deference to the North American Man-Boy Love Association. And it most certainly does not mean that a 13-year-old is necessarily capable of evaluating sexual options for himself. Differential power in intergenerational relationships is real. Immaturity is real. But so is maturity. And love. And who among us can be sure that the emotion which prompted Michael Jackson to lie down with boys (if, in fact, he ever did), was any less, any different than that which once drove Peter Pan to beseech Wendy to return with him to Never-Never Land?

The attacks on and fascination with Michael Jackson are by-products of rampant homophobia. America feels betrayed by the possibility her Pied Piper might not be straight. A final anecdote of just how far the panic has spread begs to be told. A young boy recently went door-to-door selling Christmas cards for school. He'd made a hasty exit from one of the houses because the man who greeted him at the door "looked gay." After some discussion the boy became convinced that it was unwise to judge people based on their appearance. But nothing would shake his more disturbing belief that gay men pose an inherent threat. At ten, without ever knowingly having had any contact with a lesbian or gay man, he had learned society's lesson of fear. Sadly, he will probably never try to moonwalk.

FROM RARE AIR , TEXT BY MICHAEL JORDAN, PHOTO BY WALTER IOOSS, JR.

Michael Jordan and sons

"was barely able to function on an intellectual level."
Nov. 16 LAPD prepares a warrant to strip-search Jackson to confirm the alleged victim's description of his genitalia. Around this same time, Eddie Reynoza, a close friend of Jackson from the "Thriller" days, claims Jackson called him from Switzerland and told him he was never returning to the U.S.
Nov. 22 Five ex-guards at Neverland Ranch sue Jackson for firing them, allegedly because they knew too much about dalliances with young boys.
Nov. 23 Sony releases the video compilation "Dangerous: The Short Films" and announces Dangerous sales are more than 20 million worldwide....A Superior Court judge in Santa Monica, Calif., orders Jackson to submit to a deposition for the civil suit before Jan. 31 and sets a trial date for March 21.
Nov. 21 Jackson signs a guaranteed $70 million, five year deal with EMI Music to administer his ATV Music Publishing catalog (which includes Beatles hits).... Janet Jackson asks her Cincinnati audience to join her in "A silent prayer for my brother, Michael."
Nov. 29 Two of Jackson's former security guards claim Jackson asked them to destroy a photo of a nude boy in his bathroom.
Dec. 3 Jackson's lawyer says his client will return to U.S. by mid-January to be deposed in a civil suit.
Dec. 20 Western Region NAACP leaders hold press conference denouncing the media's excessive coverage of the Jackson investigation and annouce the launch of a study to assess the media coverage of African Americans
Dec. 22 After much speculation as to his whereabouts, Jackson surfaces live via satellite hookup from Neverland Ranch to read a prepared statement professing his innocence.
Dec. 31 Attends Barbra Streisand's New Year's Eve concert at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.
Jan. 5 Appears at NAACP Image Awards, ostensibly to present an achievement in choreography award and delivers an impassioned plea of innocence before an adoring crowd. "Everyone is presumed innocent and totally innocent until charged of a crime and convicted by a jury of their peers," he told the cheering crowd, now on their feet. "Because not only am I presumed innocent, but I am innocent...By my faith in God, together we will see this through."
Jan. 25 Settles civil case out of court staunchly maintaining his innocence.

The criminal case continues.

By D. J. Marius

Jodeci
Diary of a Mad Band (Uptown/MCA)

With the proliferation of groups like Shai, SWV, Jade and Silk, hip hop influenced R&B music has quickly become the flavor of the moment. In the constantly competitive record business, Jodeci is at the head of the class. *Diary of a Mad Band,* their highly anticipated second release, personifies the grinding sexuality and thinly veiled wordplay that make up their brand of new jack swing.

As on their debut album, *Forever My Lady,* the ballads are served up first, driving home the sensual flavor of Jodeci's refined harmonizing. K-Ci Hailey, the group's lead singer, is without question R&B's premier voice. His singing perfectly encompasses the strengths of gospel, soul, passion and fire. A perfect example: the sensual swing of "Won't Waste You," which also introduces the excellent, raggae-influenced female rap group Misdemeanor of Sista.

The song's titles, which range from "My Heart Belongs To You" and "Alone" to "Ride & Slide" and "Sweaty," give you the first indication of the aural experience you're in for. The group's visual image–baggy clothes, boots and lots of black leather–evokes the ultimate B-boys, and completes the overall picture.

Jodeci

On "Cry for You," they beg for a lover to return home. On the emotional flip side, "You Got It" is the funky, highly danceable highlight of the album. After urging an interviewer to take off her clothes "lipstick and all," Jodeci rolls into this infectious cut ready to take on all comers–sexually or otherwise–with the aid of New Jersey's Rap Funkadelic (and fellow sexual provocateur) Redman.

Queen Latifah
Black Reign (Motown)

Black Reign marks Queen Latifah's first release for Motown since her exit under questionable circumstances from a long relationship with Tommy Boy Records ("differences in artistic vision" is the reason most cited). After a strong debut album (1989's *All Hail The Queen),* and some uneven subsequent releases, she is back at the helm and ready to explode.

Over the course of her short career, Latifah has become quite the entrepreneur, with projects in film *(House Party 2, Juice, Jungle Fever)* and television (NBC's *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,* Fox-TV's *Living Single)* to her credit, in addition to her musical pursuits.

The majority of *Black Reign* has a jazzy sensibility: whether this is coincidental, or in reaction to the current hip hop/jazz rage is unclear. One of the best examples of this musical hybrid is the ethereal "Mood Is Right." Writing and producing much of the album on her own, she also utilizes the talents of such hip hop movers and shakers as KRS-One, Heavy D, and Treach and Kay Gee from Naughty By Nature.

Latifah's lyrical flow, as always, is articulate and on target. She is a woman in control of her life, and most of what happens around her. On "Coochie Band," ladies in the chorus warn, "Don't let 'em in/if they don't have a condom," "No Work" moves with the urgency of hip hop, but has a refreshing stripped down musical vibe. The power of "U.N.I.T.Y.," the album's first single, will not be undisputed. Self-respect, and a low tolerance for the words 'bitch' and 'ho,' are the call of the day.

Two other tracks mark a musical departure for the Queen. "Weekend Love" clearly shows Latifah's R&B proclivities. The surprising "Winki's Theme," a tribute to her deceased brother Lance, is a straight up jazzy number that tests her pipes.

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BOOKS

By Terrance Evans

This is part two of a series of articles surveying contemporary written materials of interest to the black lesbian and gay community. If you missed part one, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll send you a photocopy.

Growing Up Gay in the South: Race, Gender, and Journeys of the Spirit (Haworth Press) offers personal accounts which explore the unique struggles of southern lesbians and gay men in the U.S.; a few chapters are devoted to the black perspective.....Literary offerings from five openly gay or lesbian writers are included in *Breaking Ice: An Anthology of Contemporary African American Fiction* edited by Terry McMillan .....Steven Corbin's latest novel *Fragments That Remain* (Alyson) fearlessly explores intra-racial prejudice and the alarming tendency to repeat harmful, learned behavior within an embattled African American family .....Fifty contributors from various races are featured in *Piece of My Heart: A Lesbian of Colour Anthology* (Vision Press) which is edited by Makeda Silvera and dedicated to Audre Lorde and all women of color.....Lesbian life in the U.S. from a historical and cultural perspective is explored in the anthology, *The Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader* (Alyson), which includes an examination of the urban bar culture of the late 1940s through the early 1960s.....SDiane

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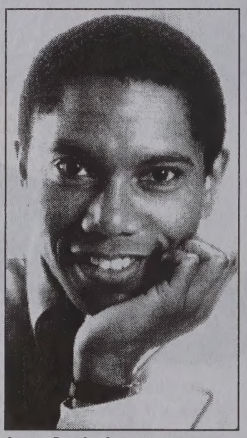

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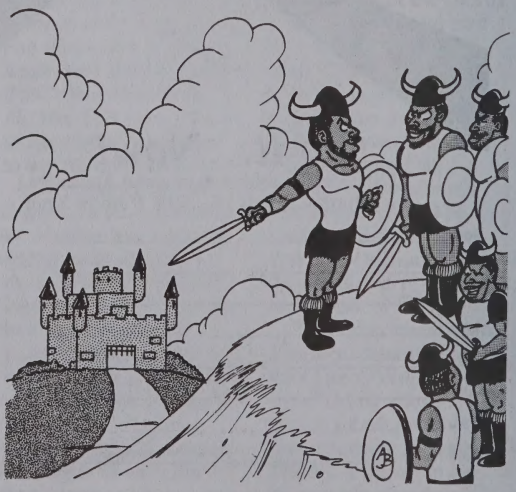
Bogus and R. Bruce Nugent are among the contributors to *Erotique Noir/Black Erotica* (Doubleday/Anchor) wherein black folk of all sexual persuasions share their erotic experiences in stories, poems and essays..... Black gay cartoon hero, the Brown Bomber, and his lesbian best friend Diva Touche Flambe, who is several centuries old, are the main characters in the cartoon commentary book, *B.B. and the Diva* (Alyson) by Rupert Kinnard.....*Talking at the Gates: A Life of James Baldwin* (Penguin) by James Campbell is a respectful narrative of interviews with one of America's most esteemed writers..... The interracial gay love affair between baseball players on a major league team is hilariously explored in Peter Lefcourt's *The Dreyfus Affair* (Random House).....A study of lesbian unions influenced by Kwaanza principles and Native American cultures, among others, is integrated into *Cermonies of the Heart* (Seal Press) edited by Becky Butler.....Lesbian and gay life around the globe is examined in Neil Miller's *Out in the World: Gay and Lesbian Life from Buenos Aires to Bangkok* (Random House), which presents the experiences of black lesbian teenagers in South Africa and an aboriginal man in Australia.....A collection of prose from more than 26 countries entitled *Coming Out: An Anthology of International Gay and Lesbian Writings* (Panthenon) edited by Stephan Lokosky, includes the article "Lesbians and Gay Men in the Arab and Moslem World" which appeared in the April 1991 issue of BLK.....Quotations by 350 notable black women are presented in *The Black Woman's Gumbo Ya- Ya* (which translates "rich words, found words") edited by Terry L. Jewell and released by Crossing Press.....In *Captain Swing* (Alyson), Larry Duplechan's recurring protagonist Johnnie Rae Rousseau falls into a lusty affair with his 19-year-old cousin in the steamy Louisiana bayou.



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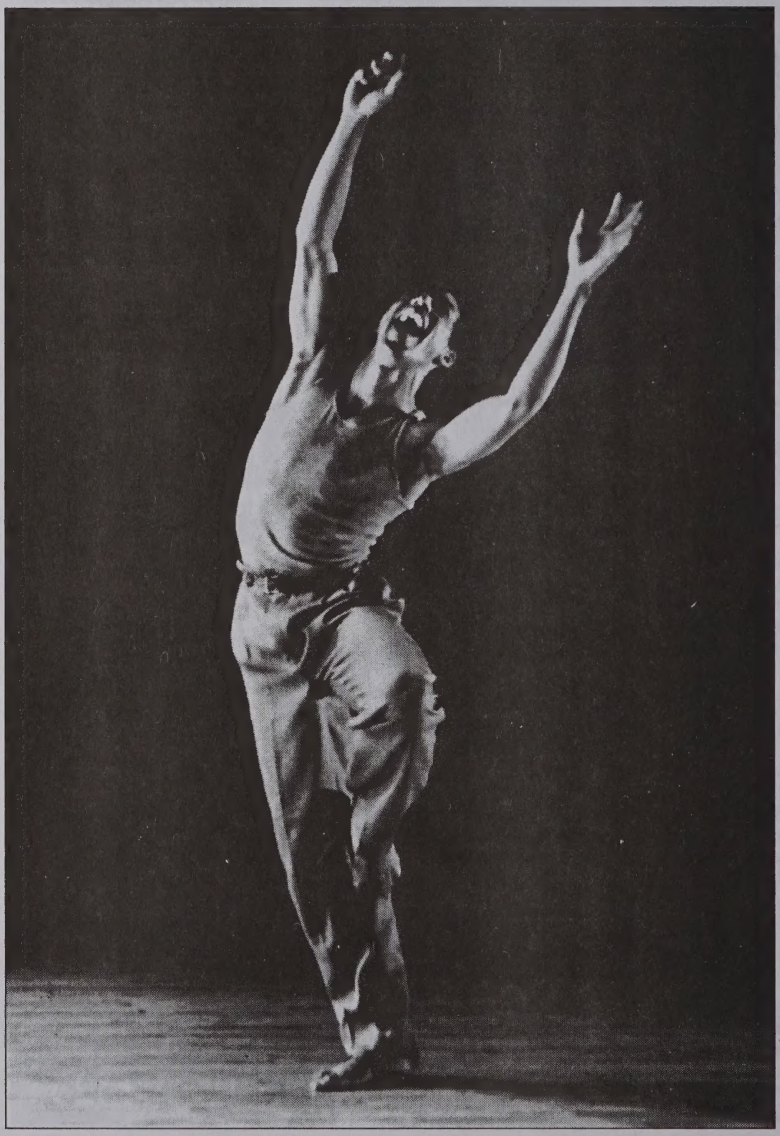
DANCE

By Don Thomas

Using spoken word, imagery, movement and sound, David Rousseve's work boldly fuses elements of post-modern dance and performance art with the traditional and pop cultures of African America. The result is as likely to speak the language of hip hop as of experimental dance.

"I'm trying to create a unique form of expressionistic dance/theater that uses the African American culture I grew up in to communicate on universal matters of the heart" explains the New York-based dancer.



Rousseve and his six-member multi-cultural, all-female dance company, Reality, came together five years ago as "a group of divergent individualists, outspoken on issues of race, gender and humanity, trying to maintain our individuality while finding the deeper, intangible ground that unites us."

Since then, the company has performed to critical acclaim in venues ranging from intimate alternative theaters to vast opera houses throughout the United States and Europe. They have also been awarded grants and fellowships from the National Endowment of the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the American Dance Festival, among others.

The centerpiece of Reality's repertoire is called *Pull Your Head to the Moon...Tales of Creole Women.* In its entirety, the series of six pieces follows the life of Thelma Arceneaux, Rousseve's late grandmother. Her heartening tale of a childhood spent in poverty on a Louisiana plantation during the era of Jim Crow segregation policies are juxtaposed with Rousseve's own history as a black gay child growing up in the South during the civil rights era. Set to musical soundtracks by such diverse talents such a Nina Simone, Public

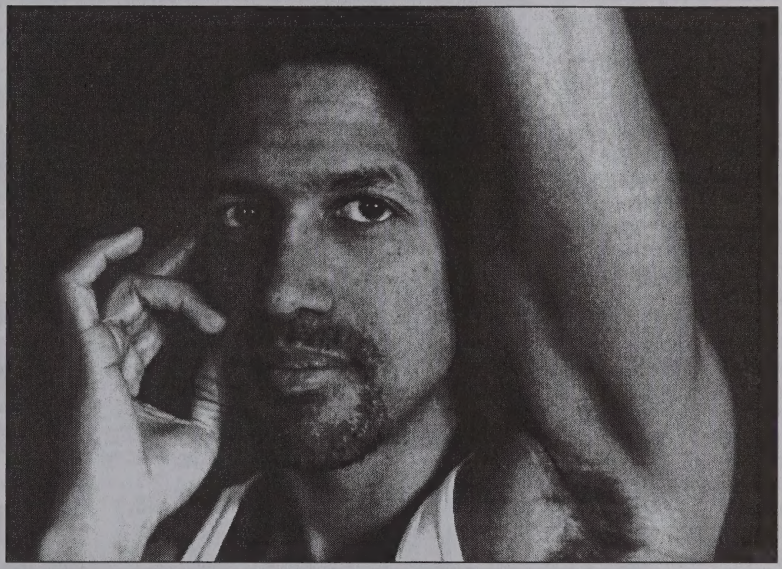
Enemy, Marvin Gaye and Tami Terrell, each piece tells a story about individuals triumphing over racial, gender or sexual oppression. The *New York Times* has called the work "..Painfully telling...throbbing with rich and searing life."

The idea for the *Creole Series* was sparked when Rousseve began to talk with his grandmother and realized that many of the issues she faced are still relevant today, especially those wrapped around oppression–sexism, racism and in his case, homophobia. "The more I delve into my African American cultural legacy, exploring racism and my grandmother's personal history," Rousseve says. "The more I appreciate my gay cultural legacy and just how we have shaped American culture."

The culmination of the series, *Urban Scenes/Creole Dreams,* juxtaposes losses to racism and other social ills with loss in the age of AIDS. Told in a non-linear manner, the work depicts a young gay man coping with the passing of friends from AIDS, sharing his grief with his beloved Creole grandmother. It examines the timeless quest for spirituality in the face of loss and oppression.

Compositionally, the work projects the African American pop culture of these two eras onto an experimental form that is rarely seen in African American work–African American street dance is combined with expressionistic, abstract gesture; original "house" and rap music is combined with traditional gospel music.

Some audiences may have difficulty with the parallel he creates, but Rousseve challenges his audiences. "It's important to the piece that I know some people have trouble with it. The point is that what my grandmother was going through emotionally with racism is what people go through with homophobia or sexism. Internalized self-hate. It's the same thing," he says.



"Most of the audiences have made the jump in compassion that it requires. But there is a major problem with homophobia in the African American community," Rousseve laments. "Sometimes just the word will make people uncomfortable and disassociate."

However, in this piece, the issues of sexuality and gender are as important as race for Rousseve. "A lot of the audiences have had their homophobia confronted," he says. "Gay people have less of a problem making the jump because there's so little relevant work out there and gay people appreciate it when there is. This is not a specifically gay piece, but it is by a gay artist and there are gay issues."

Part of company's artistic agenda is to create a dialogue with their audiences. To that end, the company sets up residencies that address the needs and interests of local communities where they perform. "One of Reality's strength is it's diversity," Rousseve says. "Not only does the work address a wide range of social and human topics, but individual performers are personally committed to an equally wide array of issues."

Specific outreach activities include master classes in post-modern technique, modern technique, and workshops in performance, repertory and composition that are geared to the specific interests and levels of students; a video screening of Reality's 13-minute film created for public television; open rehearsals which gives the audience a chance to view excerpts of the work, ask questions, and therefore better grasp the final performance; and finally, post-performance discussions of the work presented.

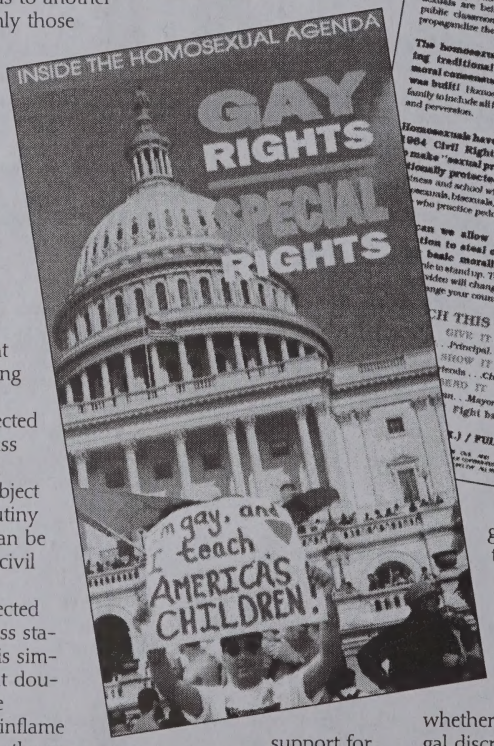
Rousseve/Reality conclude its 1993-94 touring season with residencies and performances at the University of California, Berkeley, March 14-26; and at UCLA Center for the Arts, March 28-April 10. These residencies also incorporate local dancers and a gospel choir into the live performance. In May the company will premiere a new evening of dance/theater at New York's La Mama ETC.

"Ultimately, *Urban Scenes/Creole Dreams,* while attacking three generations of racism, homophobia, and sexism, is a theatrical dialogue on loss: our continuing losses to AIDS, or an ancestor's loss to racism," says Rousseve. "Most importantly, the piece is about the timeless search for dignity, humanity, and hope in the face of this seemingly overwhelming loss and oppression."

By Arlene Zarembka

Debunking the "Minority Status" Lie

The newest right-wing video, *Gay Rights, Special Rights,* is premised on a lie: that there is something in the law called "protected minority class status." That lie leads to another one: that only those classifications that have been found by the Supreme Court to be constitutionally "suspect" under the Equal Protection Clause (what the right-wing erroneously labels "protected minority class status"), and therefore subject to close scrutiny by courts, can be included in civil rights laws.



The "protected minority class status" phrase is simply an adroit double-entendre designed to inflame passions. On the one hand, the right-wing uses the phrase to drive a wedge between racial/ethnic minorities and lesbians and gay men, arguing that discrimination against racial/ethnic minorities is "status-based," whereas discrimination against lesbians and gay men is "behavior-based." In fact, most discrimination and violence against lesbians, gay men and bisexuals occurs because a person is or is thought to be gay, and not because of any behavior. On the other hand, the video uses the "protected minority class status" phrase to undermine white support for civil rights protections in general, by falsely claiming that laws give racial and ethnic minorities some sort of "special rights and privileges," "advantages," and "elevated status."

There simply is no legal meaning to the phrase "protected minority class status," or to the shorter phrase found in many anti-lesbian and gay initiatives, "minority status." Civil rights laws provide remedies for various types of discrimination, regardless of whether the victim of illegal discrimination is a member of a group that is, statistically, in the minority. Race and color discrimination suits are not limited to those who belong to groups that are a statistical minority in the population. Persons of any color or race, including whites, may file a claim of discrimination if they have suffered discrimination because of color or race. Both men and women may file claims of sex discrimination, even though women are statistically in the majority. Likewise, people of any religion, or no religion at all, may file claims of religious discrimination. Similarly, where civil rights laws prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation, persons of any sexual orientation–heterosexual, lesbian, gay or bisexual–may file claims of sexual orientation discrimination.

In short, civil rights laws do not confer "minority status" on anyone, nor are they limited to protecting only members of minority groups from discrimination. Although most civil rights laws originated from the discrimination experienced by members of minority groups (with the exception of sex discrimination laws, which evolved from discrimination faced by women, who are a majority), they provide everyone with protection from discrimination based on a catego-

ry of discrimination (e.g. race, color, sex, religion). Anyone, even if a member of a majority group, can file a claim if subjected to discrimination based on a characteristic that is protected from discrimination.

The video then uses the bogus concept of "minority status" to argue that lesbian and gay rights legislation should not be passed because lesbians, gay men and bisexuals do not fit the criteria for what it calls "protected minority class status" under Supreme Court Equal Protection analyses. In framing the debate in this fashion, the right-wing first deftly distorts Supreme Court decisions on the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. Then it confuses judicial interpretations of the Equal Protection clause with the powers of legislative bodies.

The Equal Protection Clause does not grant anyone "protected minority class status." The Equal Protection clause of the United States Constitution sets limits on the ability of legislative bodies to discriminate against people. It does not restrict the right of legislatures to protect people from discrimination. Thus, when the Supreme Court reviews a law under the Equal Protection Clause, it is determining whether a law improperly discriminates. The Court does not use the Equal Protection clause to decide that certain groups are not deserving of protection under civil rights statutes.

Normally the Court simply takes a "hands off" approach to legislative decision-making, and upholds most laws so long as there is simply a "rational basis." for the law. Only when a law government policy is adopted that discriminates based on what the Court calls a "suspect" or "quasi-suspect" classification (or infringes on fundamental constitutional rights) does the Court subject the law or policy to close scrutiny. So far, the Court has found only classifications based on race, national origin, alienage, sex, and illegitimacy to be inherently "suspect" or "quasi-suspect." It therefore will closely scrutinize only those laws or government policies that discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, alienage, sex, and illegitimacy, and will uphold their constitutionality only if they are necessary to advance a compelling state interest (or, in the case of sex discrimination, if they are substantially related to advancing an important state interest).

The Supreme Court's failure to subject a classification to "strict scrutiny" review does not, however, mean, that legislatures cannot pass civil rights protections concerning that classification. For example, although the Supreme Court has refused to recognize age as a "suspect" classification, Congress and legislatures legitimately can pass legislation prohibiting age discrimination without violating the Equal Protection Clause. Likewise, legislatures have, validly, passed statutes prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, familial status, and disability, among other categories, even though none of these classifications have been granted "suspect" status by the Supreme Court.

Thus, the video deliberately disregards the difference between the judicial and legislative branches of government. The judiciary reviews laws and policies that discriminate against citizens under the Equal Protection clause; it does not prevent legislatures from passing civil rights protections. Lesbian and gay rights organizations should not adopt the right-wing's "minority status" terminology and their faulty analysis of civil rights laws.

Complete Text of Black Speakers

Four anti-lesbian and gay African Americans speak on camera in "Gay Rights, Special Rights." They are Emanuel McLittle, Publisher, "Destiny" magazine; Lester James, Regional Director, Traditional Values Coalition; Cheryl Coleman, Public Affairs Representative; and Jan Rice, Committee of Public Affairs.

The following is a complete transcript of their comments, in the order they appear in the video.

McLittle: "Now homosexuals are using not only the language, but they are beginning to insist that the statutes—the laws—all of the advantages gained by civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King be now applied to homosexuals."

James: "Frankly, there is a movement in this country that threatens to undermine and belittle the entire civil rights efforts of the 1960s."

Coleman: "This Civil Rights Amendment would completely neutralize the Civil Rights Act of 1964. What it will do, is that it will say that anyone, anyone with any type of sexual preference (which would include everyone) would be protected under this law. So therefore there would be no protection for minorities, specifically."

James: "The high-handed attempt on the part of [the] gay and lesbian movement to hijack the 1964 Civil Rights Act in order to try to give national credence to their immoral lifestyle is an offense to black America."

McLittle: "There are few people willing to stand up and rebut this whole notion that there is any kind of comparison to the sexuality of homosexuals and the skin tone of black people. It is a horrendous lie. Black people are not born choosing to be black. The homosexuals, on the other hand, despite what all of them seem to want to indicate to us, choose their homosexual lifestyle."

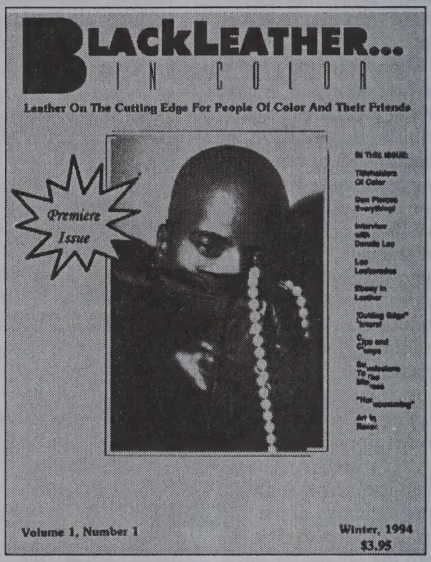
Rice: "Their high income, their education, their current status in society, compared to the mean or the median, income in minority families today—there is just no comparison. So for them to want protection under this law and to try to further beat down the minorities and further lessen their chances of equal protection and equal chances at jobs, I just think is ludicrous."

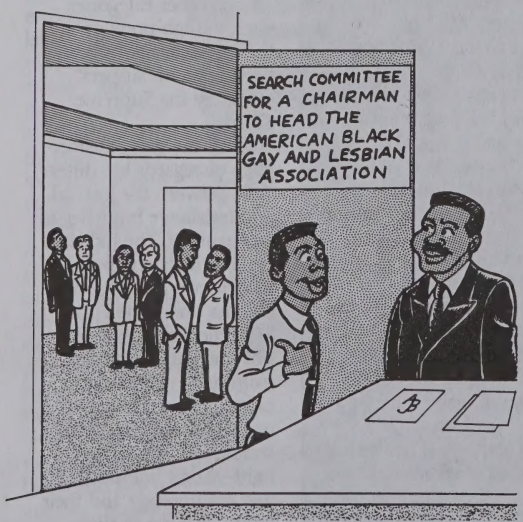
McLittle: "The homosexual lobbyists, the homosexual groups in this country are well-funded, well-connected to powerful politicians."

Rice: "Our intent is to see that everyone is treated fair and equal and they are being treated equal under the law as a citizen of America. But their behavior should not dictate special preference for them."

BLK BRIEFS

PHILADELPHIA: "Black on Black," an exhibition of photographs of African Americans by African American artists was recently displayed at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center's Showcase Gallery. **KAMPALA, Uganda:** In a study of 560 HIV positive subjects, half of whom were treated with Kemron and half given a placebo, researchers at Makerere University were unable to detect any significant difference between the two groups. **MINNEAPOLIS:** Prince has opened a retail store called New Power Generation at 1408 W. Lake St. **NEW YORK:** A new quarterly magazine, *Black Leather...in Color,* has made its debut featuring articles of interest to the people of color leather community. Its address is 874 Broadway #808, New York, N.Y. 10003. **SPARTANBURG, S.C.:** Nearly 20 African American, working class women from the Greenville chapter of the National Organization for Women were turned away from the organization's annual South Carolina convention because they also belong to the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement for Self-Determination. A NOW spokesperson said the move was justified because they were "just trying to keep strange organizations from coming in and taking over this organization." **CHICAGO:** Group Dialogue, an organization working to provide a safe atmosphere for black gay and bisexual men, now offers a series of positive living workshops called "Directions: Aspects of a Unique Life," for black lesbian, gay men and bisexuals. The group can be reached at 312-224-5142. **LOS ANGELES:** "Black Women Poets Present: Voices of the Spirit," was one of the programs offered at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, in celebration of Black History month. **RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C.:** Burroughs Wellcome has created a series of educational videos for HIV positive women and the HIV/AIDS organizations who provide services to them. **NEW YORK:** Robert Mapplethorpe's photographic images of black men are included on a series of notecards and calendars being sold by te Neues. The company is also marketing notecards, postcards and posters by the late New York artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat. **BEND, Ore.:** In a speech before the Central Oregon Coalition for Human Dignity, Seattle City Council member Sherry Harris said that lesbians, gay men and bisexuals should link their battle against discrimination with those of other minority groups. The "gay agenda," she said, is to be able to live, work and enjoy life free from discrimination based on sexual orientation. **HOUSTON:** Lesbian and gay leaders have urged a U.S. Justice Department investigation into possible civil rights and election law violations stemming from an incident where re-election campaign workers for City Councilman Al Calloway allegedly harassed and assaulted volunteers of opposing gay rights candidate Gene Harrington. Calloway had represented a constituency of poor and black communities; however, due to changes in the city's political map, he now represents the city's predominately gay Montrose area. **CHICAGO:** The local chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS has changed its name to AIDS Survival Project. **BOSTON:** *Silence Is Never Golden,* a play celebrating the African American lesbian experience with poetry, prose, music and improvisa-





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STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE

WE STAND TOGETHER to condemn all forms of discrimination. We believe that the struggle against discrimination is never-ending and, as a people who love liberty, we embrace that struggle. Therefore we pledge to remove all "barriers of prejudice" to every citizen's civil and human rights.

One such barrier is in our very midst. The Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) programs at the University of California, Los Angeles - one of the country's foremost universities - impose Jim Crow-style legal restrictions on young, openly gay and lesbian students. An ROTC student discovered to be homosexual may be investigated and dismissed from the program without course credit. Frequently, dismissal is followed by legal action taken in an attempt to force the student to pay back any scholarship money received.

These military training programs are open to all other students without restrictions on their freedom. ROTC is the only program on campus that is required by the government to discriminate. Because of the fifty year-old Department of Defense ban on lesbians and gay men in the military (a policy that has been kept virtually intact under the new "don't ask, don't tell" guidelines) only gay and lesbian students are denied their freedom.

The UC Code of Student, Faculty and Staff Rights guarantees the right to free expression. To be forced to lie about one's existence in order to participate in a University supported activity is absolutely unacceptable. Not only is such discrimination a violation of Los Angeles and California law, it is an insult to human dignity and takes a brutal toll on the individual. Young gay and lesbian people are thus forced to live with an undeserved fear and sense of shame at an especially formative period of their lives.

Although the UCLA faculty, The UC Student Government and the United States Student Association have officially condemned ROTC policies, inaction on the part of the UCLA's Chancellor and Board of Regents ensures that these blatantly discriminatory programs will continue. In spite of the fact that UCLA policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, ROTC is housed in University facilities, taxpayer monies are used to operate the programs and course credit is given to students enrolled in them. Furthermore, ROTC is a significant source of individual scholarship funding which is denied only to openly gay and lesbian students.

A program whose guiding principles officially and unapologetically call for discrimination against anyone has no place in an institution of higher learning. By allowing ROTC's homophobic practices to stand, UCLA sends the unacceptable message to all that discrimination may be overlooked. We are appalled by this morally bankrupt policy. We ask that the University immediately comply with its own nondiscrimination policy and take expedient steps to enforce that policy in all departments and programs. We further ask that Los Angeles and California leaders and elected officials bring their power and influence to bear in righting this unconscionable wrong.

As citizens we strongly oppose prejudicial treatment of anyone. As individuals we refuse to commit the crime of silence when our young people are being persecuted. As a community we stand together to create a better world by ending one more source of hatred. There is no reason and there can be no excuse for UCLA to continue to accept bigotry as part of its institutional mandate.

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tional scenes has completed a run at the Boston Center for the Art's Leland Theatre. **SAN FRANCISCO:** The Black and White Men Together traditional New Year's Day dinner drew nearly 100 men for a feast of fried chicken, representing abundance; collard greens, representing prosperity; and peas, representing good luck. **WASHINGTON:** The board of directors of the Alliance of Baptists, encompassing 123 congregations with approximately 62,000 members, has voted to empower a special task force to prepare a position statement on homosexuality. The Alliance is one of two groups founded by Baptists displeased with the fundamentalist takeover of the denomination in the '80s. **OKLAHOMA CITY:** Representatives from the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus attended a fundraising banquet for the NAACP where the similarities in issues faced by both minority communities was discussed. **CHICAGO:** The Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays received a Glynn Sudbery award at ceremonies held Nov. 11. The awards are sponsored by the Independent Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the IVI-IPO. **HARARE, Zimbabwe:** Attempting to curb the country's traditional "witch doctors" who offer scientifically unproven herbal "cures" for AIDS, Health Minister Timothy Stamps says the government may invoke a law which bans the promotion of "any medicine for the alleviation or cure of any diseases affecting the generative organs or functions or any complaint arising from or relating to sexual intercourse." It is estimated that 800,000 people of Zimbabwe's population of 10 million are HIV positive. **WASHINGTON:** United Response to Black America's Needs and Rev. George Stallings, archbishop of the Imani Temple are working together to develop an AIDS education program for use by church ministers. Stallings has appealed to other African American church ministers to overcome their moral concerns and take a more active role in fighting AIDS. **WASHINGTON:** Judge Ellen Segal reduced the sentence of two white teenagers who had been convicted of attempted murder of two gay men from three to six years in prison to three years probation because she said the white youths would face "cruel and unusual punishment" serving time at D.C.'s Lorton Prison amidst a population of predominantly black offenders. **LOS ANGELES:** In recognition of World AIDS day, the AIDS Prevention Team hosted a program designed to increase awareness and educate the African American community of safe sex and HIV prevention techniques, regardless of HIV status. The day long program, dubbed "A Day To Learn, A Day to Remember," attracted roughly 100 participants. **BANGASSOU, Central African Republic:** An unidentified male nurse who died of complications related to AIDS deliberately exposed 40 patients to HIV according to *Health*, the state's government-run magazine. **LOS ANGELES:** Police are seeking information of the murder of Glendale resident Avery Carlton Howard. Their prime suspect is a black male, 25-30, six feet tall with short hair. He wore a purple striped rugby shirt and levis the night of the murder. Anyone with information can contact Det. Tom Kuh at 818-548-3987. **LOS ANGELES:** The African American Health Project of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine is seeking black men between 18 and 50 for a confidential research project. Men who are accepted get at least $2,000 in free lab tests and are paid for their time. Call 213-563-4999 for more information. **WASHINGTON:** Carol Mosely-Braun (D-Ill.) was one of 19 Senators to earn a perfect score in a Human Rights Campaign Fund analysis of votes taken during the first session of the 103rd Congress. Three Senators received zero scores: Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), Lauch Faircloth (R-N.C.) and Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.). **LOS ANGELES:** GLAAD/LA presented its 1994 magazine journalism award to *Spin* for its article, "Hip-Hop's Black Eye." The organization's outstanding studio film award went to *Philadelphia*. **PHILADELPHIA:** Colours sponsors two black gay support groups: one for adults on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and one for youth every Thursday. The groups can be reached at 215-232-2792, ext 1.

CHRIS SMITH

WASHINGTON: In a speech to federal employees on World AIDS day, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Walter Broadnax stressed the importance of participating throughout the year in AIDS volunteer organizations. The 20 volunteer organizations participating in the HHS ceremony each reported signing-up at least 25 federal-employee volunteers that day.

BLK NEWS

By Don Thomas, Eric Washington, Mark Haile and Alan Bell

'Town Meeting' in Washington Is First in Series

WASHINGTON–Twelve noted African American lesbian and gay activists came together in a "Town Meeting" to address racism and discrimination as it exists within the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities Feb. 3. More than 300 people attended the videotaped event which was held at the National Press Club Building.

Nadine Smith, co-chair of the 1993 March on Washington and executive director of the Human Rights Task Force of Florida moderated the meeting.

The executive directors of the two largest national lesbian and gay organizations, Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Peri Jude Radecic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, both attended the event and both participated in the roundtable discussion.

McFeeley and Radecic were candid in recognizing the less than laudable history of their organizations in dealing with communities of color. Both the presence of people of color in decision-making positions and their involvement in people of color communities was a significant part of the discussion. The two leaders agreed that more could have been done and made a public commitment to better their records with people of color.

"Black lesbians, gay men and bisexuals are often subjected to double doses of bigotry and intolerance," noted Gregory Adams, of Gregory Adams Presents, one of the prodcers of the event.

"We as black lesbians and gays need to come out of the closets and be visible," he told BLK. Acknowledging the large number of non-activist participants at the meeting, Adams pointed to the broad cross-section of "average" lesbians and gay men who don't usually join organizations.

PONY HORTON

Nadine Smith, moderator of the Town Meeting, introduces the panel.

PONY HORTON

Mandy Carter (left) and Gregory Adams.

The impressive roster of invited panelists included Gregory Adams, of the National Minority AIDS Council; Jacquie Bishop, an activist, educator and producer from New York City; Mandy Carter, of the Human Rights Campaign Fund; and Dr. Elias Farajaje-Jones, of the Howard University School of Divinity.

Also included were Derek Charles Livingston, of the North Carolina Pride Political Action Committee; Stephan Oxendine, of Stonewall 25; Sabrina Sojourner, of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; Donald Suggs, of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/New York; Willa Taylor, of Gay Games IV; Graylin Thornton, 1993 International Mr. Drummer; and Ivy Young, of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The meeting, first in a series of events to be held across the country, was produced by the Bayard Rustin Alliance, the Gay Spectrum program on Fairfax Channel 10 and Gregory Adams Presents.

A one-hour edition of the meeting will be broadcast locally. The Gay Cable Network of New York City will air a half-hour version.

Farrakhan Idles Aide Who Called Rustin 'Sissified'

WASHINGTON–It took three months; a condemnation by the U.S. Senate; protestations from the Congressional Black Caucus; and pleas from Rev. Jesse Jackson and the heads of the

NAACP and United Negro College Fund; but Nation of Islam leader Rev. Louis Farrakhan finally suspended an aide for making a hate-filled speech at a local college that was laced with anti-lesbian and gay invective.

The controversy began when Khalid Abdul Muhammad, the national spokesman of the Nation of Islam, addressed an audience of several hundred at Kean College in Union, N.J. As the invited guest of a student group, he attacked Jews, lesbians, gay men, the Catholic Church and other groups.

Rev. Farrakhan suspended Muhammad Feb. 3 calling his aide's remarks about Jews "repugnant" and "mean-spirited," but insisted that he stands "by the truths that he spoke." Rev. Farrakhan went on to accuse the Jewish Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Vice President Al Gore of being anti-black.

Rev. Farrakhan's move climaxed weeks of controversy that came to a head when the Congressional Black Caucus publicly backed away from a "sacred covenant" of cooperation between it and the Nation of Islam which had advocated economic power and discipline for blacks.

Muhammad set the tone for his Nov. 29 speech early, describing the late openly gay Bayard Rustin as "some boot-lickin', butt-lickin', butt-dancin', bamboozled, half-baked, half-fried, sissified, punkified, pasteurized, homogenized nigger."

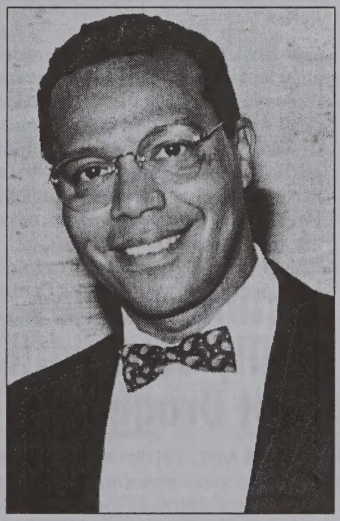
"We will not silently accept racism in the gay community or homophobia in the black community," said Gregory Adams, executive director of the year-old Bayard Rustin Alliance. "It is a tradition among African Americans to speak out against injustice and prejudice even if it comes from within our community."

Rev. Jesse Jackson; Rev. Benjamin Chavis, executive director of the NAACP; Rev. William Gray, president of the United Negro College Fund and other prominent African American leaders had condemned Muhammad's remarks and urged Rev. Farrakhan to distance himself from them.

Later in his speech, Muhammad offered his opinions on King James, who was responsible for the version of the Bible that bears his name. "King James's version. Here's a sissy. Can you name a version of the Bible after a screaming sissy? The she-nay-nay of his days. The wonder of his day. God does not name holy books after homosexuals."

"We support everyone's first amendment right to free speech," said Nadine Smith, executive director of the Human Rights Task Force of Florida. "But we believe it is our responsibility to exercise our right to free speech in condemning these hateful, bigoted remarks and educating the public."

Following a long tirade attacking Jews and praising Hitler for his "greatness for evil and wickedness," Muhammad turned his remarks to the subject of South Africa. "We kill everything white that ain't right," he said offering a solution to apartheid.



Rev. Louis Farrakhan

"...we kill the women, we kill the children, we kill the babies..., we kill the blind, we kill the crippled..., we kill the faggot, we kill the lesbian, we kill them all."

"Why kill the women?" he asked rhetorically. "...because they lay on their back, they are the military or the army's manufacturing center. They lay on their back and reinforcements roll out from beneath their legs. So kill the women, too."

In addition to attacks on Jews, women, lesbians and gay men, he attacked African Americans who believe in non-violent struggle for equal rights, including Nelson Mandela, Congressman John Lewis, Spike Lee and former New York Mayor David Dinkins. He made several references to "Gay Edgar Hoover" while speaking about the former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At one point in his speech, Muhammad predicted the reaction to his words. "Khalid Muhammad came on our campus and insulted the Jews and the whites and their homosexuals," he said. "We, you all go in the same group together. I didn't come here to take no prisoners."

MACT/Austin Breaks With NABWMT

AUSTIN, Tex.–The local chapter of Men of All Colors Together has severed its ties to the National Association of Black and White Men Together and disbanded as an official organization. Members of the disbanded group now meet informally as friends.

Todd Gross, former MACT/Austin secretary, said that members of the local group felt NABWMT was too narrowly focused on African American and European American men to the exclusion of other minorities. Since MACT/Austin was founded two years ago, he notes, the group has included blacks, whites, Latinos and Native Americans.

Feeling that the NABWMT did not properly address the needs of its membership, MACT/Austin voted to disband as an official part of NABWMT at the local group's December meeting.

Robert Williams, the Washington, D.C.-based co-chair of NABWMT told BLK that "many of the local chapters around the country have different concerns and they are all concerns of the national board, but no one [from Austin] has ever expressed any dissatisfaction with the organization to the board. This decision came as a complete surprise to us."

In April 1985, BWMT/New York became the first chapter to change its name to MACT. Since then over half of the organization's chapters have adopted the new name. The national organization, however, in accepting the proceeds of the late BWMT founder Mike Smith's estate, is prohibited from changing its name lest it lose its endowment.

'RuPaul Concert' Held to Be Scam

KANSAS CITY, Mo.–It was a con job that was more than a shade shady. A January concert featuring RuPaul was advertised throughout Kansas City, including spots on local radio station KISS 107 FM. Upwards of 2000 tickets were sold all over town at local stores and discos.

Not until the day before the concert did Memorial Hall operations manager Breck Kincaid get suspicious. Kincaid discovered the $500 deposit paid by promoter Jim Davidson was worthless. Kincaid next tracked down RuPaul's agent in New York, and found out the singer knew nothing of a Kansas City concert. Kincaid then notified police and area merchants selling tickets for the concert.

Davidson was arrested on suspicion of fraud as he appeared at 7th Heaven, a Kansas City record store, to pick up money from some 200 tickets sold at that location alone. However, for reasons not yet disclosed by Kansas City Police, he was set free a day later.

Somehow, Davidson found his way to Lawrence, Kan., where he was almost arrested again after local police received word he was about to skip town. The Lawrence police questioned, then searched Davidson, but they, too, were forced to let him use his one- way ticket to Los Angeles.

While police are still investigating the incident and expect that charges will eventually be filed, none of the cash has yet been found and Davidson is somewhere at large in the western United States.

At least 2,000 RuPaul fans in Kansas City are upset, to say the least, that Davidson won't immediately be available to be arraigned on those charges. They just want to be paid.

"I'm so pissed that they let him go," said 7th Heaven manager Brian Rorabaugh, who had tracked Davidson to Lawrence only to have the police let him get away.

RuPaul

Victim Charges Philly Cops with Foot Dragging

PHILADELPHIA–It has now been over seven months since two skinheads brutally attacked Kevin Spencer and left him permanently disabled..

Spencer was robbed on July 26, 1993 in a park just below the Philadelphia Museum of Art, known the world over from the *Rocky* movies. The park has a different reputation, known to police and area residents alike as "Gay Acres."

Spencer, 37, was beaten, choked, kicked then shot seven times. After emergency surgery following the attack, a metal rod was implanted in Spencer's left leg to replace his tibia, and another metal plate was placed in his left ankle that still will require more surgery.

For all the severity of his injuries, Spencer suspects the Philadelphia police have taken their time with their investigation of the attack–and Spencer is certain that they are deliberately taking their time both because he is black and gay.

Accusing the Philadelphia police of "foot-dragging," Spencer complained he had not heard from investigators for four months.

In September, $700 in long distance phone calls began appearing on Spencer's stolen telephone calling card. However, Det. Michael Duffy, said Spencer, didn't even want to take a report. "He said, `So what?'" accused Spencer.

Spokespersons for the Ninth Police District could not comment directly on the charges that Duffy would not have been interested in making the report, but noted that their investigation into the attack on Spencer is still open and on-going.

A Philadelphia group, Colours, has begun a letter-writing campaign to various officials, demanding the police investigate the attack promptly and completely.

"If the incident happened anywhere else, the police would have jumped on it," noted Michael Hinson of Colours. "But because it was a black gay man in Gay Acres, they just blew it off."

White Man Sues Motown in Bias

LOS ANGELES–Stephen E. Meltzer, a former vice president of creative services at Motown Record Co., has filed a lawsuit against his former employer charging he was fired after executive consultant Jonathan Clarke began a campaign to rid the art department of white employees.

Clarke ridiculed Meltzer because he was gay and said Meltzer was "not black enough for Motown," the lawsuit said. The lawsuit also contends that Jheryl Busby, Motown's chief executive officer, failed to properly supervise or investigate Clarke's actions.

Michael Mitchell, Sr. Vice President for Communications at Motown told BLK, "Although we

have not yet had an opportunity to examine the complaint in this matter, we are confident that they are without any merit whatsoever."

"Motown has always been an equal opportunity employer which has prided itself on the diverse nature of its employees. We condemn any and all forms of unlawful employment discrimination, be it on the basis of race or otherwise. We are convinced that Motown's actions will be vindicated in this instance," Mitchell added.

When Meltzer was fired on Jan. 15 of last year, Motown said it was because of economic reasons, the lawsuit said. Meltzer contends that his severance pay was withheld for two months in an effort to force him to sign a statement releasing Motown from any liability.

African HIV Infection Rate Up in 1993

MARRAKESH, Morocco–Approximately 3500 medical researchers, sociologists, health officials and AIDS activists from over 40 countries gathered in this north African city for the eighth annual International Conference on AIDS in Africa in December.

At this five-day congress to examine the spread of AIDS and discuss prevention, the World Health Organization announced that two million more people were infected in the last year, mostly in Africa where teenagers and young adults account for 60 percent of new infections. It was also noted that nearly 70 percent of the world's 15 million people infected with HIV are in Africa.

"This demonstrates the vulnerability of Africa's youth and shows us where to focus our prevention efforts," said Michael Merson, director-general of the WHO's Global Program on AIDS at the opening day session.

Among the hardest hit countries is Ethiopia, with close to half a million infected people; Nigeria, where as many as 22 percent of the men treated at sexually transmitted disease clinics are HIV-positive; and Botswana, where one in three women seeking post natal care is infected, according to Merson.

Migration and population displacement due to civil strife on the continent are among the chief reasons for the increase in disease infection.

Black Man Sues, Claims AIDS Led to His Dismissal

CHICAGO (Tribune)–In one of the first cases of its kind to reach the federal courts, a man with AIDS who was fired from his job is suing his employer under a federal law that prohibits discrimination against the disabled.

Shawn Smith, who worked his way up from clerk to assistant vice president at the Dovenmuehle Mortgage Co., filed a lawsuit in January claiming that he was fired from the company because he has AIDS. Dovenmuehle denies that it acted in a discriminatory way.

Smith brought his case to U.S. District Court under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a federal civil rights law passed under the Bush administration. The wide-ranging law, which took effect in 1992, was heralded as a way to ensure greater access for the disabled, as well as to protect people with disabilities from discrimination on the job. Increasingly, however, it is being used by people with AIDS to challenge various kinds of discrimination, from limits on insurance payments to changes in job assignments

When Smith, who is black, was fired in October 1992, he notified the EEOC, which investigated and found reasonable cause to believe the company violated the ADA. The EEOC then tried to encourage a settlement between the parties. When that was unsuccessful, it stepped out of the case and told Smith on Dec. 15 that he could sue the company.

Dovenmuehle maintains Smith's lawsuit is "baseless" and claims to have fired him for legitimate business reasons.

But Smith, 36, claims otherwise. He had steadily worked his way up through the company's ranks to become an officer and, he said, had received glowing reviews, working 10- to 12-hour days and many weekends. Just months before he was fired, he said, he received an employee recognition award for outstanding achievement. Never was he warned his job was endangered or his performance was slipping, he said.

Smith, who has been HIV-positive since 1990, said the firing was even harder to accept because of the uphill path he took to get the position. One of seven children, Smith grew up in a Rockford housing project. He graduated from high school, went to college and got a good job.

Smith now is struggling to pay his health insurance, mortgage and other bills. He's had trouble finding another job, he said, because Dovenmuehle fired him.

Before the passage of the act, Smith would have challenged alleged discrimination under state law or local ordinances. A federal law also protected people who worked for companies that got federal funds.

In addition to barring discrimination against those with AIDS, the law also prohibits discrimination against people with other illnesses, such as back impairments, mental illnesses and cancer.

BGM Is Robbery, Murder Victim

ATLANTA–Delray Norman Green died of a bullet wound to the head Nov. 6, the apparent victim of robbery and anti-gay violence. Green's partially clothed body was found in the parking lot of Benjamin E. Mays High School, where he had been taken after he had been abducted and his car set afire.

Joe Billups, was arrested by Atlanta police Dec. 8 and charged with arson. A second suspect, Dominique Ross, was arrested by Atlanta police Dec. 14 and charged with murder.

BLK VEIL

BENJAMIN ALLEN made the transition on Aug. 16, 1993. Allen graduated East High school and received his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University. He taught high school in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio before relocating to San Francisco in 1970, where he worked for many years as a counselor, administrator and teacher in the San Francisco and Marin County school systems. Allen's survivors include four sisters and many friends in the Bay Area. He was 51.

NATHANIEL ANDERSON, 40, died March 9, 1993, of complications associated with AIDS, at his Washington home. A graduate of Baltimore City College, Anderson moved to Washington in the early '70s, where he worked as a computer specialist in the insurance industry. Anderson is survived by his loving friends Bob Werner, John Bullock and Tony Compton.

MILTON BAREFIELD died April 16 1993, as reported in *Gay Chicago*. He is remembered by his "gay family" for making their lives so much richer.

PAUL JAMES COCKRELL died Feb. 14, 1993 of complications associated with AIDS. A lifelong resident of Baltimore, Cockrell graduated Overlea High School and attended Morgan State University before becoming an officer with the Baltimore City Police Department in 1979. He remained with the police department until his death. Survivors include his partner Douglas Garriott; his parents and two siblings, among others.

LLOYD "LEPERCON" MEREDITH CORDELL CREDLE, a well-known musician in the D.C area, died Aug. 10, 1993 of AIDS-related complications, as reported in the *Washington Blade*. He was 41. A self-taught singer and pianist, Credle performed at several local clubs including Mr. Smith's, Blues Alley and Charlie's. He was also a member of Faith Temple Church, where he performed many solos. He is survived by his good friends, Theodore Kirkland and Reggie Moore; his mother, four brothers and other friends.

KEVIN SCOT DICKERSON, an ordained Baptist minister, died Jan. 11, 1993 of AIDS related complications at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia. Originally from Riverside, Calif., Dickerson received his degree in religion from Florida Memorial College in 1979. Shortly after graduation, he was ordained and preached at churches in New Jersey, Virginia, California and Washington, D.C. After learning of his positive HIV status in 1987, Dickerson became an AIDS activist, helping to organize the Inner City AIDS Network. He was also a volunteer at a number of organizations including Whitman-Walker Clinic, We the People, BEBASHI and Action AIDS. Dickerson is survived by his life companion Kenneth Hawley, his parents and a sister. He was 36.

IRA R. DURANT died Sept. 13, 1993 of AIDS-associated complications, as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter*.

GARY W. FINLEY, born June 24, 1952, died Sept. 2, 1993 of AIDS-related complications, as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter*. A graduate of the Art Institute of San Francisco, Finley owned and operated G. W. Finley, a retail store in the Castro area, until retiring shortly before his death. Finley is survived by his mother, a sister and three brothers.

KEVIN FREEMAN died Sept. 18, 1993, due to AIDS-related complications at his San Francisco home. Born and raised in San Francisco, Freeman received his bachelors degree in Music from the University of Utah in 1977; a masters degree in French linguistics from Georgetown University in 1985; and a masters degree in Library and Information Science from University of California, Berkeley in 1987. Most recently Freeman was Head of Musical Technical Services at the Stanford University Music Library. Freeman was also a performer and musician with several groups including the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Chanticleer, and the Choral Artists of San Francisco. Survivors include his longtime companion, Hank Dutt; his mother, Irma Freeman; and many other relatives and friends. He was 40.

CARL GRAY, born April 5, 1945 in New York City, died of AIDS Jan. 10, 1993 in Eugene, Ore., as reported in the *Lavender Network*. A graduate of Grinell College in 1966 with a degree in English, he also earned a master's degree in library science from Columbia University in 1980 and a law degree from the University of Oregon in 1991. He is survived by his good friend, Fran Moravsik.

WILLIE FRANKLIN HALL, born May 28, 1947 in Hartsville, S.C. died Nov. 8, 1993 in Los Angeles. A graduate of Butler High School in 1964, Hall served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 and attended Cleveland State University, majoring in journalism. After a move to Los Angeles in 1979, Hall worked as a typesetter for several companies, including Capitol Records and *Playgirl* magazine. Hall was an active member in Unity Fellowship Church, serving on its Usher Board. Hall was recently joined in holy union with his life partner of ten years, Ronald W. Smith. In addition to Smith, other survivors include an ex-wife, a daughter and two sons.

MICHAEL S. HAMILTON, 37, died July 12, 1993, due to complications associated with AIDS, as reported in the *Washington Blade*. Born and raised in Poolesville, Md., Hamilton moved to Washington upon graduation from high school in 1974, where he worked as an administrative assistant for the Waterways Freight Association and Vitrol Corp. He is survived by his friend Leonard Scales; his mother, thirteen siblings and a host of other relatives.

WALTER W. HAYES died July 30, 1993, of complications associated with AIDS at his Alexandria, Va. home, as reported in the *Washington Blade*. Hayes graduated Andrew Jackson High School in Cambridge Heights, N.Y. and completed his education at Hostos College in 1974. After college, Hayes served in the U.S. Navy from 1975 until 1979. He then worked as a systems administrator and configuration management analyst for the U.S. Naval facility in White Oaks, Md. until shortly before his death. He is survived by his partner of nine years, Chris Robinson; his parents; two siblings; and numerous other relatives. He was 39.

CHARLES WAYNE HENSLEY died Aug. 3, 1993 of complications due to AIDS, as reported in *TWT*. Hensley was also known as the entertainer "Lynette Cole" in Texas drag circles.

PHILLIP S. HICKLEN died Sept. 7, 1993, of complications associated with AIDS, at his parents home in Charlotte, N.C., as reported in the *Washington Blade*. Hicklen graduated from Garringer High School in 1981, and worked for Federated Department Stores in Charlotte before relocating to Washington in 1988. Hicklen worked in the law office of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher until his retirement in April, 1993. He is survived by his partner of four years, Dana S. Orie; his parents; two sisters; two brothers; and other relatives and friends.

BRYAN ELLSWORTH HUTCHINS, 35, died Feb. 25, 1993 at Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital in Chestertown, Md., as reported in the *Washington Blade*. Hutchins graduated Kent County High School in 1976 and attended Wesley College in Dover, Del. before relocating to Washington, where he worked for a number of firms including Computer Bank of Washington. In 1989, Hutchins returned to Baltimore to work as an assistant catering manager at the Omni Hotel. Hutchins is survived by his special friend of 17 years, Michael Iriarte; his parents, two grandmothers and many other relatives.

E. J. D. JOHNSON died Feb. 22, 1993, as reported in the *Southern Voice*. Johnson received his bachelor's degree in sociology from Morehouse College in 1984, and his master's degree in counseling and psychological services from Georgia State University in 1988. He was an employee of Atlanta's Northside Hospital for 12 years, most recently as a clinical associate in the mental health unit. Survivors include his parents, two brothers, a sister and others.

MICHAEL L. JOHNSON, born July 24, 1952, died September 17, 1993, after a two-year battle with AIDS, as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter*.

KAZAS "KAZ" EDWARD JONES, a retired U.S. Air Force Captain and a leading AIDS activist in Seattle, died April 4, 1993, after a long battle with the illness. He was 42. Born in Center, Tex., Jones received a bachelor's degree in music; and a master's degree in speech pathology from Texas Tech University. In 1973, Jones joined the U.S. Air Force where he was stationed in Seattle, Wash., the Arctic Circle, Saudi Arabia, and West Germany. After his medical discharge in 1986, Jones returned Seattle and began his AIDS activism. He was the founding board president of People of Color Against AIDS Network and was treasurer and vice president of AIDS Housing of Washington, an organization he was instrumental in developing. Jones also helped found Bailey-Boushay House, a health facility for people with AIDS, and was a member of the HIV/AIDS Planning Council for the Seattle area. In the spring of 1992, Jones received the Nordstrom Community Service Award in recognition of his HIV/AIDS work. In addition to his AIDS activism, Jones was a member of the Seattle Men's Chorus and a soloist with the Inspirational Chorus of the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Survivors include his father, a sister and numerous other relatives and friends.

ROY LAURENCE, a board member of both the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley and AIDS Rochester, died June 15, 1993, as reported in *The Empty Closet*. He was 54.

WALTER CHARLES LAW, Ph.D., a respected leader in the Houston, Tex. lesbian and gay community died May 31, 1993. In the early '70s, Law was a founding member of the Houston Committee, a professional black

gay men's organization and was very active in Houston lesbian and gay politics. In 1979, Law delivered an eloquent speech to the crowd gathered for the National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights. He is remembered by his many friends in the lesbian and gay community for the inspiration he gave to others. He was 42.

MICHAEL TULLOCH, 30, died Feb. 23, 1993 of complications associated with AIDS and cancer at Washington Hospital Center as reported in the *Washington Blade*. The Jamaican-born Tulloch attended Strayer College in D.C. and was employed as a leasing consultant at the time of his death. He is survived by his lover Stanley Herring, seven sisters and three brothers.

CLEO LADELL WASHINGTON II, born April 12, 1959, died July 8, 1993 at his Bolingbrook, Ill. home, after a long battle with AIDS. Washington graduated St. Anne Community High School in 1977 and attended both Northern Illinois University and the College of DuPage. He is survived by his husband of eight years, Rich Illing; his parents, a grandmother, four sisters and five brothers.

DENNIS JEROME WATSON, 34, died Aug. 27, 1993, of complications due to AIDS in his hometown of Richmond, Va., as reported in the *Washington Blade*. After his discharge from the U.S. Navy, Watson worked as a computer program systems analyst for the Office of Naval Research in Arlington. Watson was a member of the D.C. Gay Men's Chorus and a member of the Big Brother-Big Sister program. He also sang in the Male Chorus of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, where he was a member. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, two brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends.

EDWARD R. WATT made the transition on May 5, 1993 in Houston, Tex. Born and raised in Chicago, Il., Watt received a master's degree in accounting from Elmhurst College. In 1981, Watt relocated to Houston, Tex. with Chase Manhattan Bank. He also held positions at Continental Airlines and Groups Unlimited in Houston. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, two brothers and other relatives.

LESTER WILSON, a dancer and choreographer, died Feb. 14, 1993 of a heart attack, in Los Angeles. Wilson was discovered while performing in nightclubs by Bob Fosse, who cast him in the 1963 version of *Pal Joey*. Josephine Baker saw him in the London cast of *Golden Boy* and encouraged him to come to Paris, where he danced in the musical *Young Americans*. Wilson worked on the stage with such performers as Diana Ross, Barbra Streisand, Gladys Knight, Liza Minnelli and Ann-Margaret. His choreography for film included *Saturday Night Fever* and *Sister Act*. The week before his death he directed a tribute to Peter Allen that benefitted the Los Angeles Shanti Foundation. He was 53.

LARRY A. WRIGHT, born Sept. 12, 1966 in St. Petersburg, Fla., died Feb. 24, 1993 in Seattle, Wash., as reported in the *Seattle Gay News*. A graduate of Spanaway High School, Wright is remembered for his bright personality by those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his lover, Michael Blankeship.

Obituaries are published free of charge. Include your name, address and phone number for our records. If known, include the deceased's principal city of residence, correct legal name, any nicknames or pseudonyms by which they were known in the community, dates of birth and death as well as locations of birth and death. In addition, include all relevant biographical and professional data in both early and later life. Don't assume any detail or accomplishment is too small to include. It is better to have too much information than too little. We can provide information gathering forms on request.

From the Desk of James Loyce

AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES

Let me introduce myself.

Let me take a moment to let you know who I am. I am James Loyce, the new Executive Director of AIDS Project Los Angeles. I come from San Francisco which, like Los Angeles, has been devastated by AIDS. I come from public health, so I am very familiar with AIDS and AIDS services. I come from grief, having lost many friends and co-workers to this pandemic.

But rather than tell you any more about where I've come from, let me tell you a little about where I see myself going. For the next two years at least, my direction is clear:

My first priority is APLA, our 4,000 clients, and the work that goes on here daily.

My second priority is improving the continuum of AIDS services in Los Angeles, on which APLA is one stop.

My third priority is to establish meaningful, regular communication between APLA and the community.

To start with, I need to learn as much as possible about APLA and the people we serve. I cannot honestly make the decisions I need to without this knowledge. So, I'll be bagging groceries in our Necessities of Life Program food pantry. I'll be going out on home health care calls with our nurse case managers. I'll be taking calls on the Clientline and I'll personally do some client intakes. I'll also be attending our AIDS education and prevention forums and workshops. Throughout all of this I'll be talking with and listening to our clients and my staff at every opportunity.

I also need to learn about Los Angeles. Not just how to get around but what your issues are and how that translates into what you expect from APLA.

My commitment is to improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles. If that means internal restructuring, so be it. If it means closer and more effective collaboration with our brothers and sisters in AIDS service organizations, so be it. If it means rethinking the basic services which clients need addressed, so be it.

Everything is on the table, but no knee-jerk reactions will come from me in an effort to compensate for perceived errors of the past. We need to be able to put the past aside in order to achieve what we must in the future.

We must begin to think and act like partners and I will elaborate more on this in future messages. Partnerships must be forged between AIDS service organizations. People living with AIDS should not have to hear us bashing each other. They look to us for leadership and responsiveness. We need to rise to the level of collaboration that this community has proven its ability at in times of crisis. After all, it was just such a collaboration which opened APLA back in 1983.

APLA is struggling to keep up with increasing numbers of clients and new, more complex client needs as people with AIDS live longer. As AIDS becomes entrenched in socioeconomic issues, we must continually reexamine our services for relevance and appropriateness. The ever-changing face of AIDS in Los Angeles county demands a dynamic response.

The unfortunate growth of this pandemic forces us to grow as we continue to try to meet the needs of more people, individuals all of them, dealing with the day-to-day realities of living with HIV/AIDS. While I feel that government should be doing this work, they do not begin to address our needs. So for the same reasons we were founded, we grow.

A lot is said about APLA — good and bad. But despite all the opinions, not a lot of people really seem to know much about what we actually do here and who our clients are. APLA has changed significantly in the past years. What can we do to help you learn more about us? If you have not been involved with us lately, what would it take for you to reinvest in APLA? I encourage you to go beyond what you've heard and check us out.

This is the first of many times I will use this format to relay information to you, to keep you informed about the work of APLA, and to be able to respond to your concerns. I hope that it will be a two-way street and that I will hear from you too. This is part of my pledge to forming new partnerships which will benefit us all. Letters may be sent to me at 1313 N. Vine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90028, or feel free to stop me in the halls some day!

BLK TEA

By Preston G. Guider

And to think we can remember when they wouldn't let blacks move into Northridge! Fortunately, apart from some spilled makeup and a cracked plastic dildo or two, all of black lesbian and gay L.A. came out okay. We were rocked the morning the 6.8 quake hit, but it was more like an 8.5 for us. And we'll never tell you his name!... Just before the ground went thump, the **At The Beach** party people held a fanny-bump at **Checca's** in Hollywood. Apparently, word got out to lots of glamorous black lesbians, but the boys weren't having it 'cuz they stayed away in droves. Word up: If ya gonna have these steep door charges, ya gotta give up something more than just a bad deejay, okay?...

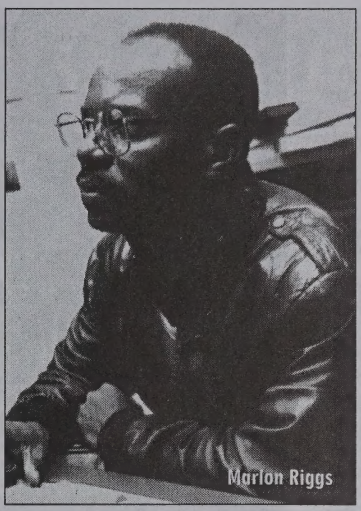
The What Fools These White Folks Be File: Just when *Six Degrees of Separation* opened, a clever con man went around trendy L.A. nightspots claiming to be the son of Marlon Brando. Tee hee. But unlike the movie, he's been ripping off people big time...When we read **Steven Corbin's** *No Easy Place To Be,* we wanted more. So we read *Fragments That Remain,* but we still wanted more. Well, there's a whole lot more of him in Britain's *The Prowler Press Gold Collection No. 10.* The gifted novelist shows just how versatile his talents are, which is good, since in New York's volatile political scene, you need to be able to "take it" as well as "give it." Our only regret is that Vivid's *Safer Sex Guide for Gay Men* video is not yet available for purchase in the United States...

Laurence Fishburn and Angela Bassett (below).

Whoops, There It Is: Fresh from dumping a blackfaced **Ted Danson, Whoopi Goldberg** has secured her place in history as the first African American woman to host Oscar solo. She's also the first black superstar to come out–on screen, that is. The Oscar winner is currently in Pittsburgh shooting *Boys on the Side,* playing a lesbian lounge singer. So Whoops, what's up with *The Moms Mabley Story*?...What's Love Got to Do With It: We told you **Angela Bassett** would be the Next Big Thing. Well, girlfriend has scooped up two NAACP Image Awards, a Golden Globe, and is a leading contender for one of those precious golden statuettes. **Laurence Fishburne** (we remember when he used to be "Larry"), who's been a big thing in the works for a long time, is about to explode thanks to his Oscar nom for his redux as a loathsome **Ike Turner.** Straight out of Brooklyn homegirl **Rosie Perez** has surprised a lot of people with her nom for *Fearless.* Of course, we were not surprised. When her fiery presence burst onto the screen as Mookie's girlfriend in *Do the Right Thing,* we knew this fly girl was one to watch. And "Again," the original song written by **Janet Jackson** for *Poetic Justice* pulled down an original song nom for the pop princess. Go on,

"I hear that nowadays they use dental dams and just pretend to bite.."

girl...The **Jaye Davidson** 15-minute countdown: When the *Crying Game* wonder isn't busy hob-knobbing with the *haute couture* set in Europe, chillin' with supermodel gal pal **Naomi Campbell,** or slapping people for giving him "attitude," Oscar's drag queen is alarming the sales crew at Barney's/NY new uptown space. La Davidson was recently spied in men's sportswear eyeing leather vests. Instead taking a few precious moments to walk over to a changing room, Davidson dropped his parka, revealing himself shirtless, tattooed and nipple-pierced. We're sure at least *some* of the sales crew were amused....


Marlon Riggs

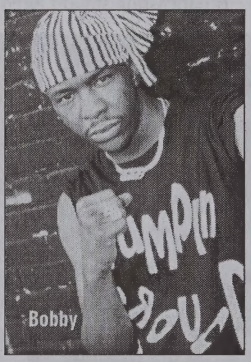
We've been more than a little concerned about the rise in anti-foreigner sentiment across Europe, especially after a homie of ours was chased by Skinheads–in a Mercedes-Benz, no less–in Germany. Yet despite that, Berlin is getting rave reviews (and not just from the boys) from African American tourists. As soon as it thaws out a little more over there, we plan to sashay on over and fill you in on all the sordid details...Closer to home, the Berlin boys visiting the States are particularly taken with New Orleans (no fault lines) for satisfying their urges. Someone also let it out in Europe that San Diego is quite a town for those into uniforms. **RuPaul** coulda told you that!! Come to think of it, maybe she did! She's just returned from yet another European tour. (Where hasn't she been? See what being on the cover of BLK will do for you?) Put on high heels and a Versace dress and see the world, honey!...

Chitown Happenings: The tables were turned on **Executive Sweet's Pat McCombs,** who rules the city's black lesbian social set with her lavish dinners and parties. Instead of producing an affair, she was feted with a "Salutatory Roast and Birthday Celeberation" at the Congress Hotel, where approximately 1200 women turned out...**Ritz Manhattan,** the new black-owned neighborhood bar on the city's Northside pulls in the happy hour cocktail crowd...While the white-owned **Generator,** a converted warehouse complete with huge dance floor, pinball machines, pool table and videos around the clock has been drawing the dance, dance, dance crowd since it opened last Halloween... Broadway actor **Alton Fitzgerald White,** presented his cabaret act at **Cairo,** benefitting Season of Concern, the AIDS fundraising organization of the arts community ...Following recent elections, **Darnell Bonds** remains chair of the **Brotherrs Project.** We're told the Brotherrs are embarking on a campaign to promote committed relationships as a safer sex alternative. Sounds like "family values" to us, but we were annoyed from the start that **Dan Quayle** had taken a perfectly reasonable concept and made it symbolize repression and homophobia. Hold our hand now, while we step off the soap box...

Jenifer Lewis in "The Diva Is Dismissed."

It's a boy! New York-based playwright, poet **Reginald Jackson** and his partner were recently successful in securing the adoption of a 9-year-old son. The lucky boy has *two* daddies and we can't even find one!...We caught up with writer/performance artist **Charles Lane** at the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Winter Ball. Following his *Stormy Monday,* which weaved issues of homophobia, racism, sexual stereotypes and cultural icons into a historical context, Lane is hard at work on a new production which he hopes to unveil in the late spring. We'll keep you posted...As part of Black History Month programming, the Bay Area's KQED public broadcasting station aired **Marlon Riggs's** *Affirmations* and *Color Adjustment. The Creative Mind,* a two-part interview with Riggs also aired as part of the mini-festival...La Ross File: Looks like her portrayal of

Lady Day wasn't a fluke after all. In her bid for Emmy, a deglamourized **Diana Ross** gave a stunning performance as a schizophrenic coping with her demons. *Out of*



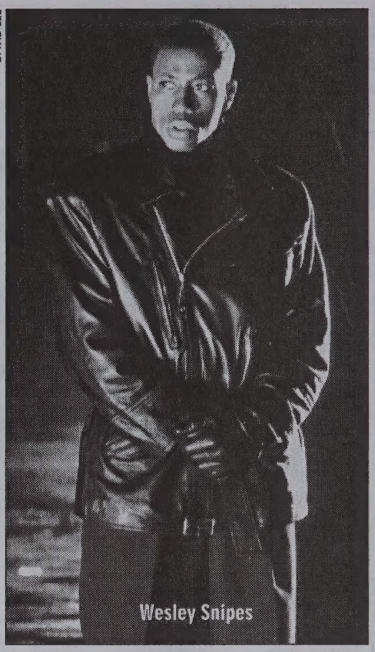
Darkness indeed...With gay-themed films being the *genre du jour*, we hear **Wesley Snipes** has screen-tested to star as a drag queen–that's right, Wesley Snipes as a Drag Queen–in *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*. It's about a couple of cross-dressers who, while traveling to a drag queen contest, get stranded in the Midwest.

The Mirrors and Lighting Dept.: During her sweep of the American Music Awards, **Whitney Houston** remembered to thank her hair and make-up crew. *Very* important.

Meanwhile, the publicists are in overdrive plugging her marriage to **Bobby Brown.** The proud parents are one of "Ten Hottest Couples," according to *Ebony*, and are "Loving Against the Odds" in *Essence*...The pop diva goddess was also a part of the talent line-up for **APLA's** Commitment to Life VII which raised nearly $5 million for the agency. While **Jennifer Holliday's** signature "And I'm Telling You I Am Not Going" brought the entire Universal Amphitheater to its feet, and dismissed diva **Jenifer Lewis** sassed her bawdy way through a medley of **Paul Jabara's** '70s disco hits, it was the **Bill T. Jones** dance tribute to controversial *Black Book* photog **Robert Mapplethorpe** that stole the show. His politically charged performance, with references to his, er, penis made a few staid folk in the expensive seats visibly uncomfortable... We hear that Jones, along with **4 Big Girls** and **Pomo Afro Homos,** have been nabbed to perform at the **Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival** in New York in June...

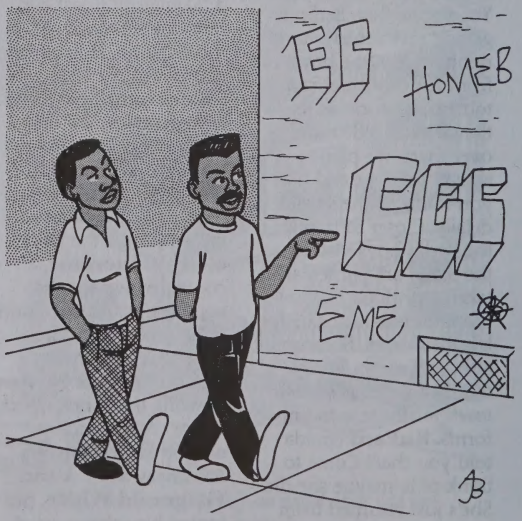
APLA welcomed new head honcho **James Loyce** to Los Angeles with a reception at the art-filled home of vice-chair **Harold Huttas.** Reps from **Imani Unidos, the Magic Johnson Foundation, Gentlemen Concerned,** and BGLLF's **AIDS Prevention Team,** along with a slew of other politically minded folk were glimpsed at the affair...Yes dear hearts, its true, we *are* pushovers for sexy black men with accents. And they don't come sexier than **Phillip**

DAVID LEE



A. Phillip, the Trinidadian actor/singer/dancer who slayed us last fall in *Calypso Bacchanal* when he walked barefoot across broken glass, as if his handsome face weren't enough to take our breath away. We were distraught they didn't let him sing in that production, but Phillip promises we'll get to hear him perform in a Tinseltown gig real soon...D.C.'s **Wayson Jones** and **Christopher Prince** performed at **Bachelor's Mill** in January. We hope the sexy duo will take their act on the road and visit us real soon. We can make you a star, darlings. Or at least make you. Oops, did we say that?...**Mario Gardner,** breezed through town on some kind of top-secret arty project that we won't let on we're dying to find out about. But trust us, no secret is safe from Preston–except yours, dear. We'll *never* tell them *you* told us...

And we'll chat later.



"That's the tag of the Crips Gay Caucus."

BLK MARKET

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Organizations

If you're black and hot, the original safe sex club for black men wants you as a member. Call 310-338-1516 and listen to a recorded message about the club and our famous monthly jackoff parties. Or write for free information and an application for membership. Black Jack, Box 83515, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0515. (40)

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Correspondents for Dallas and for Seattle. Looking for individuals to provide details on local black lesbian and gay events. If you are a writer or photographer, all the better. No regular salary, but your expenses are paid and you often get into events that are closed to the general public. Send letter of inquiry to Alan Bell, BLK, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

Features writer on non-erotic topics for Black Lace, the magazine for African American lesbians. Send writing sample to Alycee J. Lane or Alan Bell, Black Lace, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

I am looking for men that know how to do it. The time is now to become financially free. Call/write Island Marketing, 127 S. Shore Dr., Island Lake, IL 60042. 708-450-8203. 24 hours. Gay-owned. (61)

Men of color wanted to model nude for publishing project. Especially wanted: Asians, Latinos and Native Americans. Must be over 18. Your should have a nice face, but big muscles and a big dick are not important. Get paid the day we shoot your pictures. No experience necessary. Call Alan Bell at 310-410-0808, or send your picture to BLK Publishing Co., Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

Rag trade professionals wanted. (1) To assist BLK in merchandising. Must have thorough knowledge of market research, design, manufacture, distribution and retailing. Knowledge of mail order a plus. Percentage participation to right person. (2) To create fashion column for BLK. Want more than nice pictures and where to buy the garments. Must be able to profile designers, talk trends and discuss the politics of clothing. Call Alan Bell at 310-410-0808 or write: BLK, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (41)

Reporter to write standard news stories. We're not looking for an investigative journalist, but someone to cover ongoing events in the black lesbian and gay community. Candidate will write stories based on data provided, follow-up on leads or cover breaking stories. Candidate must be able to write in classic ("just the facts") news style, or be willing to learn how to do it. Accurate and ability to be fair-minded a must. No regular salary, but your expenses are paid and you often get into events that are closed to the general public. Send writing sample to Don Thomas, BLK, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912, or call 310-410-0808 for more information. (40)

Sports writer intern wanted to cover team sports for BLK. Call Alan Bell at 310-410-0808. No regular salary. (40)

Women models wanted for Black Lace articles in the following scenes: 2 women in separate photos pretending to masturbate while talking on the phone, 2 women pretending to have sex in an office setting, 1 woman nude holding a musical instrument, 1 woman hustler holding a $5 bill. We have specific photo layouts in mind, but are willing to accommodate (and take suggestions from) the women who agree to model. Women models also needed for tamer clothes-on scenes. Over 18 only. Send photo to Alycee Lane, Black Lace, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

Calls for Submission

Fuse magazine seeks submissions exploring lesbian and gay, youth and women's issues, papers on film and video, music, dance, radio and technology for book on black art, media and politics. Fuse, 183 Bathurst St., 1st Fl., Toronto, ON M5T 2R7, Canada. 416-367-0159, 416-360-0781 fax. (39)

African American lesbian vets sought for documentary based on "Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II." Particularly interested in finding lesbians of color who would be willing to tell their stories—in disguise if necessary—for the film. Confidentiality honored. Information 213-254-7773. (38)

African American lesbian writers needed for Black Lace. Write for a copy of the submission guidelines. Black Lace, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (40)

Essex Hemphill and Ron Simmons are seeking black gay men sixty years of age and older to participate in a nationwide oral history project about black gay life styles in the early 20th century. Contact Essex Hemphill, Evidence of Being, 401 Wilshire Blvd. #700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455; or Ron Simmons, Evidence of Being, Box 48100, Washington, DC 20002. (38)

Submissions of lesbian and gay poetry are now being accepted for Kuumba #4. Send your work (maximum 5) with an SASE to: Terri L. Jewell and G. Winston James, Editors, Kuumba, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (38)

Sexy black gay male fiction wanted for BLACKfire, a magazine of black gay erotica. Re-live your exploits. Tell of your fantasies. Photos also accepted. Payment upon publication. Send with SASE to Editor, BLACKfire, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (TF)

Submissions wanted for Multicultural Lesbian Relationships anthology. First person writings, cassettes of dialogues o.k. Can request interview. Some topics of interest: racism within and outside relationship; having/raising children; socializing/friendships; language differences, etc. Contact: Rene Dawson & Terri Jewell, Co-editors, Box 23154, Lansing MI 48909. SASE required with all correspondence. (38)

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Single, black lesbian, looking to connect with other positive single GBFs nationwide, especially NY/Tri-state area, who are interested in friendship and who enjoy travelling, etc. Lesbians only, please. No bisexuals, no drug users, no smokers, no alcoholics. Social drinkers okay. For information, please write Travel "N" Style, Box 524150, Stadium, Bronx, NY 10452. (42)

GBF, currently living in New York state area, transplanted from the South. I'm looking to meet people for friendship or whatever else. I have a passion for the arts, paonting, drawing, textile design, like to cook, cultural and spiritual pur-

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suits. I'm looking to spend some close and quiet times and even have some fun. Take a chance. Debra. ☎ 4012. (43)

Single black female, looking to meet other GBFs preferably in L.A. or surrounding areas. Not into threesomes or good times, but rather friendship and possible relationship. Peace. Kim. ☎ 4003. (43)

Black, 33, Pisces, quiet, intellectual, enjoy travelling, the arts. Interested in correspondence with other black females and friendship. Karen. ☎ 3922. (42)

Black gay female, interested in meeting the same. If you have interests such as biking, swimming, outdoor activities, reading or quiet evenings at home leave me a message. Take care. Kimberley. ☎ 3886. (41)

I want to meet you to talk and get together to do some interesting things. I'm new at this, but quite willing. My name is Dee. ☎ 3755. (40)

Black female, 100% gay, Afrocentric lover of soulful music and black gay/straight literature and films, seeks to build close friendship with a sistah. Maria, c/o MUW, Box W301, Columbus, MS 39701. (38)

GBF from Florida: Quiet, sensitive, cerebral, sagittarian. Professional. Avid tennis player, loves travel. Into new-age thought and spiritual growth seeking like-minded women nationwide for correspondence/friendship let us share! ☎ 3494. ✐ 180. (40)

Men's Personals—International

Attractive GWM, 25 from Switzerland, seeks BGM in the USA (and other countries) for penpals, friendship. I spend a lot of time in N.Y. and D.C. Into photography, music, travelling, good conversations. If you're serious, write to Marco Carocari, Huegelstr. 8, CH-8002 Zurich Switzerland. Peace. (39)

German GWM seeks BM penpals for exchange of thoughts and dreams age over 30 (I'm 24), facial or chest hair A+. Looking forward to meet one day. Photo = answer. Will be returned if demanded. Do not hesitate! If photo not available, no problem. All will be answered. I'm a writaholic. Send your letters to R. Newmann, Belziger Str. 20, 1000 Berlin 62, Germany. Soon! (40)

Men's Personals—AZ

GWM, 45, 5'10", 180, into music, plays, theater, looking for GBM, age 35-55. Lee. ☎ 3577. (40)

Men's Personals—CA

Northern California

GWM, 5'8", 145, bottom seek black top. Age unimportant, HIV-, personality are. Photo if possible. Box 396, Pleasonton, CA 94566. (41)

Handsome GBM, 31, 6'1", 160, seeks mature Bay Area top for an evening with limo, dinner, clubbin' and romance. I'll be visiting the area in April with friends. ☎ 3964. (42)

Very goodlooking GWM, 33, 6'2", 160, red hair, short beard, stable, college educated, spiritual, good sense of humor. Searching for very goodlooking GBM, 30-40, slim, professional, honest, intelligent, caring, HIV-, monogamous. ☎ 3934. (43)

San Francisco, mid 30s, dark-skinned, 6'1", 189, 34"W, would be interested in meeting BM 18-45. I'm extremely hung over 9", HIV-, independantly wealthy, would like to meet someone for possible relationship. Steve. ☎ 3979. (43)

Lean, sexy, BM, 150 lbs., 5'8", 22, smooth swimmers build, cute homeboyish, looking for attractive black or Latino, well-hung, in-shape, 25-35, versatile, for friendship and hot sex.☎ 3869. (41)

Attractive Los Angeles GWM, 37, 5'10", 160, hairy, seeks reciprocal visits with San Francisco men. Open-minded, genuine, adventurous, slightly kinky but sane. Enjoys travelling. If you do too, cum visit. ☎ 3777. (40)

Built, goodlooking, masculine, white man wants to get it on with a big black man who likes to be on top. I'm 6 ft., 200 lbs, muscular, hairy chest, nice smooth bubble butt. I'll do you right! 408-450-2410. ☎ 3474. (40)

GBM, 41, 6', 185, seeks friendship/relationship with drug-free GM. Send photo with letter (if possible). ✐ 176. (39)

GBM, 36, 5'11", 155, seeks BM, 28-40 for friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy romantic evenings, movies, theater, committed monogamous relationship. Wayne. ☎ 3473. (39)

San Francisco BM, 25, 5'10", 160, looking for guys, any race, to date. HIV status doesn't matter, personality does. Jonathan. ☎ 3415. (39)

Black male 43, 5'11" 140 lbs. Excellent condition. Dancer bod. Smooth. Seeks top black or Latin male into toys and long heated sessions. Uncut is a +. Me 9½ inches. You 7 inches +. Bubbling brown sugar. ✐ 200. (39)

San Diego Area

Black male, 32, 165 lbs., bottom, looking for top white male or Hispanic. I'm in a relationship looking for someone for a three-way or one-on-one with me. Thomas. ☎ 3763. (40)

GWM, 35, 6'2", 230 lbs., muscular, handsome, well-hung, looking for tall, dark, handsome, African/American man with a big heart and dick. Willing to relocate. Charlie. ☎ 3785. (40)

Goodlooking, masculine, BM, 6'6", 31, light-skin top man, professional, seeks GBM, 25-40, professional, masculine, muscular, into sports, movies, theater, possible relationship. (If into tennis and baseball a +). ☎ 3687. (40)

Attractive 39-year-old black male, bottom. AF/PG. Discrete enjoy traveling, reading, good conversation seeking the perfect top that is masculine, drug free, health conscious for good times, and romantic nights. ☎ 3480. ✐ 177. (40)

GM, 24, 6', br/br, looking to meet other guys in San Diego area. Enjoy movies, conversation and dancing. Brian. ☎ 3594. (40)

J.J., 38, 5'11", 185, masculine, brown complected, smooth skin, bottom seeks a masculine romantic top who is black, Hispanic or Arabian for 1-to-1 relationship. ☎ 3421. (40)

Goodlooking, masculine, discreet, BM, 38, 5'11", 185, many interests, bottom, brown complexion, soft baby skin, seeks masculine top man of color for friendship/relationship. Jay Jay, Costa Mesa, CA. ☎ 3422. (43)

WM, 42, with long tongue and rim chairs seeks BM with bubble butt! Write to Box 1880, Cathedral City, CA 92235. (42)

Attractive black male 39, active French, passive Greek, seeks intelligent, hung top stud for serious relationship and fun. 619-521-1341. (40)

Los Angeles Area

Hot Latino bottom seeks big chocolate cocks to serve. 213-384-9049. (44)

You GBM. I'm GWM, 6'3", 190, goodlooking levi-type, sexy, in-shape, successful young 48, HIV-. You be aggressive, in-shape, educated, 35+, HIV-. 818-989-7349. (41)

WM, 32, 5'11", 175, seeks strong dominate BM top into discipline. No drugs, fats or fems. Box 70691, Pasadena, CA 91117. (42)

Black intellectual, 36, 5'9", 140, financially secure, enjoys politics and sports. Seeks top man of quality for dating. Letter and photo to ASA, Box 421145, Los Angeles, CA 90042. All letters answered. (43)

Threesome, hot, thirsty, white buck, 37, BB, 6'2", 210, 44C, 17A, 33W, big round butt, masculine, healthy, goodlooking, bottom. Available for hung, dominate, hungry, black tops only, who know what they like. 714-847-9722. (41)

Dark, muscular, workout, 5'9", 170, nice body, goodlooking. I like big guys over 190. Steven. ☎ 3947. (43)

Puerto Rican, very goodlooking, 20, 5'9", 169, seek masculine, muscular BM, open-minded, drug free, HIV-, stable, secure in himself, 25-40. You must have it going on, I'm a bottom, so you must be a top. Mike. ☎ 3948. (43)

BM, 34, HIV+, looking for other BM, 25-34, must love to go out and to movies. James. ☎ 3956. (43)

Smooth, olive complexion, black hair, brown eyes, 30. I'm looking for a black daddy over 35, 6'+, muscular, strong, dominant. Someone who would like to open up a young man. Looking for one man to teach and train me. Tom. ☎ 3958. (43)

African American, 28, very muscular and masculine, searching for someone with same interests and description. If this fits you leave me a message. Peace. Marcus. ☎ 3959. (43)

Puerto Rican, 5'10", 165, looking for BM who is slender and attractive for fun and possible relationship. Ricardo. ☎ 3963. (43)

BM, 25, 5'10", 195, very nice body, workout 5 days a week at Black Diamonds gym. Looking for boyz with hot bodies, nice asses and big dicks. Do you want to chill out, then leave a message. Lamont. ☎ 3965. (43)

BM, 5'9", 160, workout, very short hair, looking for big beefy guys built like football players. Dale. ☎ 3971. (43)

Love to hit the clubs, but basically a homebody, BM, 6'5", 210. love to take a hot soapy shower with you. Robert. ☎ 3938. (43)

WM, 21, 5'9", 145, brown hair, green eyes, goatee, you should be BM, 25+, masculine, who wants to hang. Originally from Boston. ☎ 3941. (43)

6', 175, light brown, hazel eyes, seek guys to workout with at Holiday and after workout fun. You should be sincere, Latino, black. Must have dark hair and eyes and be very affectionate. ☎ 3944. (43)

I've got the muscle, the attitude, I'm buff and tuff, black, workout 5 days a week, bench press 270, 46"C, 17"A, 2" deep cut between pecs. Looking for black dudes who are super hung. Leave me a message, I'll tell you why they call me the shooter. ☎ 3992. (43)

BM, 28, very in shape, musician, seeks older masculine male, race unimportant, who's into music and sports. Nick. ☎ 3962. (43)

Native American, 31, 5'9", 160, goatee, mustache, good body, toned, workout, bottom looking for BM who is a top, aggresive and knows how to get what he wants in bed. Looking for regular sex, not emotional involvement. You will not be disappointed. Tony. ☎ 3981. (43)

GBM, 36, fun kind of guy, live in Silverlake area, enjoy theater, movies. Seek a GWM around my age. I'm a full time student, but if you can make the time, so can I. Tony. ☎ 3955. (43)

I'm a 20-year-old black male who is new to the scene. I'm looking for new and exciting men to give me a great introduction. Seeking muscular men who aren't afraid to physically and verbally exert themselves. Larry. ☎ 3954. (43)

Midwest white farm boy, 5'10", 180, looking for well-built and well hung tops who enjoys giving it to a bottom who appreciates it. Wesley. ☎ 3993. (43)

GBM, 29, 5'8", 150, trim and muscular, 27"W, 40"C, goodlooking. I meet a lot of people and they want one thing: sex. Well, I'm worth a lot more. You should be WM or Hispanic, in-shape, 25-35. ☎ 4005. (43)

Very goodlooking light-skinned Creole, 6', 190, workout, well-built, seek similar over 5'10", 25-35, light brown, good shape. You won't be disappointed. Herb. ☎ 4007. (43)

Muscular BM, 5'11", 190, goodlooking, workout daily, enjoy outdoors, sports, biking, down to earth. Would like to meet guys 28-38, Hispanic or white. Rod. ☎ 4009. (43)

GWM, VGL, 33, 6'2", 160, redhead, college educated, spiritual with good sense

of humor. Into movies, arts, homelife, travel. ISO VGL, GBM, 30-40, trim, professional, honest, intelligent, monogomous, N/D, HIV-. ☎ 3934. ✐ 208. (42)

Young bisexual surfer/rocker type, 5'9", 157, long blond hair, 8", nice buns, tanline. Seeks hot play from masculine bisexual tall black buck, well endowed. Marty Shasteen, Box 691809, Los Angeles, CA 90069. (40)

The best seat in town? My face! GWM has talented 9" tongue ready to explore GBM bubble butt rear. Randy, Box 39485, Los Angeles, CA 90039. (42)

Very attractive, light-skinned black male looking for dominant, assertive black or Latino top. I'm new to L.A. and I need to be taught a few things. Greg. ☎ 3923. (42)

I'm looking for black brothers who want to talk on the phone and get together. I'm a single black male with dark-skin, black hair, brown eyes, moustache and a nice body. I'd like to talk to all you black brothers out there. Later. Dwayne. ☎3924. (42)

Black, confident, masculine, passionate, romantic, professional male is my fantasy. This handsome, sexy, dark-haired/eyed white professional, 6'1", 180 wants to lay back, look into your eyes and accommodate you. Gary, 115 W. California Blvd. #487, Pasadena, CA 91105. (40)

Goodlooking professional GWM, HIV-, 6', 190, 45, sensual, versatile, sincere, easy-going, intelligent, hairy-chested, moustache, interests from gym to arts, seeks muscular BM for mutual fulfillment and regular satisfaction. ☎ 3926. (42)

GWM, bodybuilder, bottom, masculine, handsome, 40, 5'10", 190 muscular lbs., hard bubble-butt and pecs, seeks very muscular, well-hung, dominant black bodybuilder top over 200 lbs. for hot sessions. Photo requested. ☎ 3892. ✐ 207. (42)

4 gentle BM. Tall, slender, intelligent, socially-aware, artistic, gentle, wise, creative, well-travelled, affectionate, well-read, GM with Mediterranean complexion, into travel, piano, arts, photography, 48, available 4 slim/med built BM. ☎ 3915. (42)

Goodlooking W/M, 48, versatile, professional, mature, sincere and honest seeks versatile, super hung B/M, 5'3" or less for fun and possible relationship. ☎ 3920. ✐ 215. (42)

What's up? I'm a fair-skinned man who likes meeting people. I play sports, baseball, football and basketball. I'm not ready for a relationship, but I am looking for people to kick it with and have a good time, Kelly. ☎ 3905. (42)

Yo. What's up fellas? I'm 5'8", 150, dark brown, bald-headed, hairy, nice slender build, in-shape and I hope you are too. I've got it going on. Leave a message and let's see if you do too. Andre. ☎3839. (41)

I'm looking for a very rich person. Leave me a name and number. You won't be disappointed. Jaboola. ☎ 3858. (41)

Versatile BM, 27, 5'7", 160, seeking another versatile BM, 27-35 for casual sex. If you're down with it, leave a message. Christopher. ☎ 3862. (41)

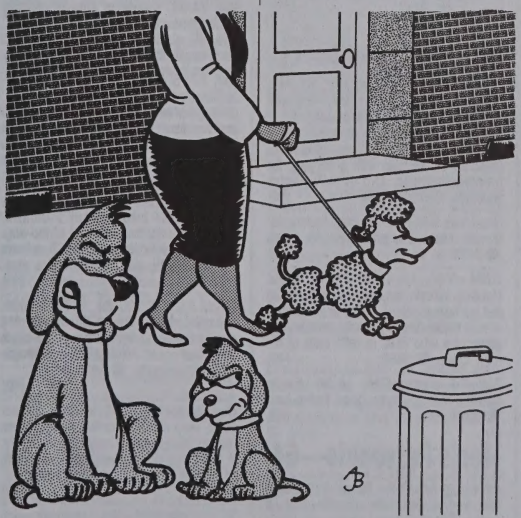
Handsome, brown skin, 35, 5'8", 180, fairly in-shape and working on it. Looking for a sincere masculine BM who's not about a bunch of bullshit. Long Beach area. Dino. ☎ 3904. (41)

6'1", 180 lbs. I work out and have a nice body. I'm down to earth, sexy, versatile top and bottom. Leave me a message, homeboys. This is K.D. ☎ 3028. (41)

African American, 6'2", dark-complexioned, seeking African American male, 28-40, that's got it going on. I want to hang out, go to movies, walk the beach, run the streets with you. Keep smiling. ☎ 3890. (41)

BM, 5'11", 195 lbs., muscular top man looking for sexy black bottom whose into fun inside. Jay. ☎ 3893. (41)

GWM, 27, 5'10", 160 lbs., workout, dark hair, green eyes, seek masculine black hung top who wants to kick back and be serviced or use me as their bottom. Steve. ☎ 3867. (41)



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Hi. I'm Lee, 5'11", 168#, masculine. Looking for masculine B/M. Want to get busy with serious brothers only. ☎ 3840. (40)

Easygoing GBM, 31, 6'4", 235, professional seeking gay man to 40 and over 6 feet. Write Box 48532, Los Angeles, CA 90048. (41)

BM, 30 y.o., 6', 180 lbs., work out with weights. Looking for BM or Latino who also works out, who enjoys movies and man stuff. Jerry. ☎ 3788. (40)

This exotic, eclectic, decidely Afrocentric brother is on a mission to find a G, as in thang, who is fly, intelligent, packing, strong, in other words...all that. I'm 5'9½" and fly. ☎ 3789. ✐ 211. (43)

Hot black 40 y.o. seeks romantic, intellectual, spiritual, sexual stimulation. You be masculine, sincere, decent, fun-loving, affectionate, possible relationship. ☎ 3793. (40)

Yo Yo Yo. What's up homeboys? Juan, 6'2", dark brown eyes, black hair, moderately hairy, college student, 24, very masculine, track and field. Peace, brother man. ☎ 3797. (40)

Mexican-American, 42, 5'8", 220 lbs., goodlooking, intellectual, adventurous, masculine, looking for friends for movies, concerts, cooking, travel, good times, any race, 33-45. Matthew. ☎ 3798. (40)

Black male, 30, 5'9", 160 lbs., light brown, hazel eyes, moustache, attractive, top, hung 10", looking for black male with toned bodies. Let's get together. Edward. ☎ 3804. (40)

Honest, 31, 5'2", 134, HIV-, Herpes+, looking for men who are open, understanding and really do care. Ricky. ☎ 3722. (40)

Dark skinned, 5'9½", 185, chunky, muscular, gym, no drugs or smoke. You should be masculine, well hung 10" or more, to kick it with and have a good time. Keith. ☎ 3774. (40)

Whats up, boyz? I'm not looking for romance or a relationship, I've already got that. What I'm looking for is good safe sex. My lover and I like to get together with other goodlooking black men like us. We'd like you to come visit our bedroom. ☎ 3779. (40)

Black/Filipino/Hispanic, 26, 5'10", 155 lbs., 7" uncut, looking for friend. John. ☎ 3783. (40)

Latino, 32, 5'11", 185 lbs., looking to get together to play around with some black men. I'm 100% top. Rico. ☎ 3822. (40)

Nope, you're wrong, there's one left. Very attractive, affectionate, mixed BM, 21, 5'9", 250#, seeks attractive, straight acting, BM 21-29 for friendship with foundation for relationship. Your photo gets mine. ☎ 3737. ✐ 193. (40)

Chinese-Filipino, 5'5", Ph.D. scholar at USC, looks like an undergrad, smooth-skinned, HIV-, husky, with a very handsome face. I love to receive head. Possible relationship OK. Antonio. ☎ 3775. ✐ 199. (40)

WM, 40+, 5'10", 185#, brown eyes, salt and pepper hair and beard, professional, seeks good looking, mature, honest, and sincere BM for fun and possible relationship. Enjoy the beach and mountains. ☎ 3772. ✐ 197 (40)

BM, 25, HIV+, nice, smooth, versatile body with nice ass and soft lips, moving to Los Angeles in October, wants guys/couples, any race, for sex/friendship. ☎ 3762. ✐ 198. (40)

WM, 28, handsome, 32" waist, 42" chest, black hair, brown eyes. 170, muscular, smooth, looking for big BM with a huge piece who will have me on my knees servicing. ☎ 3661. (40)

WM, 34, 6', 168 lbs., trim body, short brown hair, big mustache, hazel eyes, 8", West Hollywood area. Looking for handsome men to 40 with trim bodies. Muscles a +. I'm versatile and definitely very oral. Joe. ☎ 3710. (40)

Mixed black/Mexican, hot, 37, 5'9", 150#, 81/2", dark skin, curly hair, seeks man who is versatile and likes to get down and do anything. I like big dicks to service. Larry. ☎ 3711. (40)

GM, 35, 5'10", medium brown complexion, hazel eyes, attractive, intellectual, spiritual, looking for romance. Let's talk and then take it from there..Dwayne. ☎ 3667. (40)

African American, 28, 5'7", alluring, sexy, masculine, toned body. I love movies, photography and the creative arts. I'm in search of a goodlooking serious minded black man who I can spend quality time with. Mark. ☎ 3669. (40)

Hello, brothers. I'm T. I just like to go get busy. If you'd like to also, leave a message and I'll get back with you. ☎ 3703. (40)

Sexy healthy black man desired by GL blond GWM. Object: your pleasure. Black and white together is best. Call or write me. You'll enjoy. Alex. ☎ 3316. (40)

Mexican, 40, bottom, seeks well-endowed black man for talk and whatever. Francisco. ☎ 3670. (40)

Dark-skinned bottom looking for that special top. I'm Stefan, 37, goodlooking, 5'8", nice gym build. You should be taller (6'+), well endowed and enjoy movies, beach and spending time with me.

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☎ 3673. (40)

Fat, fast and fabulous GWM, 31, 6', 285 pounds, blond/blue, built like John Candy but looks much better, lives in Silverlake. I'm looking for a sincere, honest, romantic, warm man. I'm G/P, F A/P. Baby's got back! ☎ 3675. (40)

Congo-born European, goodlooking, with green-blue eyes, 33, 5'10", 175, muscular, nice butt, discreet, safe, seeks intelligent, tall, huge, very muscular black bodybuilder over 200 lbs. for friendship. ☎ 3668. (40)

GBM, 30, 5'8", 165, light-skin, top man, HIV negative, looking to meet other GBM for lover or friends. Good looking A plus. Let's hook up. Jeff. ☎ 3555. 183. (40)

Goodlooking, GBM seeks Latin or Asian, 25-40. We are both intelligent, creative. No drugs, alcohol, smokers. Not looking for straight acting; your masculinity is natural. You aren't looking for a rice queen, a daddy, or a big black buck, but a peer to converse with, have coffee, dance, and...? 189. (40)

Sexy, black male, 20 years old, straight-acting, seeking same, masculine, not N 2 club scene, 18-30, homies possible. ☎ 3683. (40)

4 gentle BM. Classic, tall, slender, intelligent, socially-aware, artistic, gentle, wise, creative, well-travelled, affectionate, well-read, vintage Euro-American, 47, into travelling, piano, arts, photography, available 4 slm/med blt BM. ☎ 3550. (40)

Masculine black male, 35, 6', 190, mostly bottom, seeks big, 6'+, 200+, masculine non-American black/Latino male for companionship, conversation and safe fun. No hard drugs/alcohol. ☎ 3566. 184. (40)

Afrocentric male seeks sincere hue-man of African descent, who's melanin skin is soft to touch, sensual to smell, erotic to see and passionate to taste. ☎ 3610. 187. (40)

GWM, caring, artist, overweight, decent, 5'11", 190, 41, HIV-, has butt, 6", and passion for life available to someone sensitive, HIV-, who defines himself by more than his organ size. ☎ 3657. (40)

BGM, healthy, goodlooking and safe, seeks Asian couples for 3-ways in L.A. area. ☎ 3635. (40)

Mixed Chinese/black, 24, wants to spend quality time with someone special to kick it with. Interested in sports, playing ball Saturday mornings at USC and going out. Taurean. ☎ 3589. (40)

Hi my name is Ed. I'm black, tall, bowlegged, handsome. I love to mingle and I love to party. ☎ 3604. (40)

T.C., black, 5'11", 160, athletic, medium build, 26, light-brown complexion, goodlooking, I like checking out the movies, gym, sports. Live in Compton. Looking for someone who's down to earth, who likes to just hangout, who's masculine and who's not into the club scene. If this is you, call and leave a message. ☎ 3612. (40)

Yo Yo Yo, whats up my brothers, my name is Lucky and I'm hoping to get just that. I'm pretty much a straight up homie from the 'hood, but I like to get busy with this program every now and then. You should be from the 'hood, versatile, a brother and ready to get down with the program. ☎ 3598. (40)

Muscular, educated, very Afrocentric male, 5'9½", wants to check out real brothers and maybe hangout. Brent. ☎ 3569. (40)

GM, 6'1", brown skin, green eyes, curly hair, looking to meet BM, 24-30, top who likes to have a good time, aggresive, good personality and likes to conversate. Damien. ☎ 3586. (40)

Gay male, 5'11", 175, very lean muscular stud, looking to meet goodlooking guys under 35, fit and in good shape with 10" or more for hot body contact. Rob. ☎ 3627. (40)

Gay male, 35, 6', 190 lbs of fun. Seek Latin or black men of similar size or bigger. Ron. ☎ 3566. (40)

Gay male, 6'1", 182, muscular body, 9½", real thick, very goodlooking seeks goodlooking muscular studs under 35 with a foot long sausage for group scenes. Steve. ☎ 3629. (40)

Black professional, 5'9", 170, very athletic, ex-military, well educated, sincere, financially secure, well-built workout, looking for prof. black male, masculine, athletic, muscular into sports, travelling, music and well endowed for dating or relationship. Michael. ☎ 3575. (40)

If you're black and interested in a compact bodybuilder, hairy, big bubble-butt, large piece, then I'm the one for you. I'm 5'8", 150, mixture of French and Puerto Rican, short black hair, green eyes and lots of energy. I'm a serious MF. ☎ 3613. (40)

The one. Professional BM, 33, smart, goodlooking, well-built seeks dark, handsome, literate partner for fun and adventure. 188. (40)

Edwardo, 34, 5'10", 160, light brown skin, short hair, goodlooking, homebody, top man, looking for someone to workout with in more ways than one. ☎ 3322. (41)

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Men's Personals—CO

GBM, cultured, spiritual, earth-minded individual looking for a GWM in the Denver area, enjoy travelling, the arts, cycling and various other interests. Landon. ☎ 4006. (43)

Men's Personals—CT

GWM, 47, heavy-set, love movies, walking on beach, travelling, no drugs or smoking. Very affectionate, love to cuddle and talk on the phone. Roger. ☎ 3891. (41)

Men's Personals—DC

BM, masculine, gym body, attractive, 6', 195, who enjoys giving sensual massage to beautiful black men like myself. I use warm oil, strong hands and my entire body to massage every part of your body. Safe sane discretion assured. Send brief description or picture to Box 91428, Washington, DC 20090-1428. (42)

BM, 31, HIV+, 5'10", 165, well-built, athletic, interested in meeting other brothers same height or taller. You should have varied interests, should be diverse in thought and political ideaology. Harvey. ☎ 3759. (40)

Men's Personals—FL

Handsome black man, 36, 6'1", 180 lbs., bodybuilder, great definition, very well endowed, masculine. Works out regularly, professional, sports-minded, easy-going. Seeks very well defined, lean, muscular white man with great legs for friend/companion. Out of state replys welcome. Can travel. ☎ 3704. (40)

Gay male, 6'1", dark-skinned, looking for friends. Masculine and white A+. Kent. ☎ 3633. (40)

GBM, 5'9", 160, 29, Miami area. Hobbies include reading, music, hanging out at home. Want to meet someone who is masculine, aggresive, and enjoys some one who likes to take care of his man. Chris. ☎ 3562. (40)

BM, 24, seeks GM, 18-30. Enjoy movies, music, sports, good times. Lee. ☎ 3393. (39)

Men's Personals—GA

What's up fellas? I'm Darryl, 6'1", brown skin, very active, safe, discrete, HIV-. If you're a brother who's down with being safe, give me a call. ☎ 3693. (40)

GBM, 20, medium build, light skin, love travel, movies. I want a friendship and possible relationship, so please call and leave your phone number. I love being a bottom. No questions asked. You should be a GBM, 18-35. My name is Ricardo. ☎ 3706. (40)

Afrocentric BM, 20, 5'11", 180, HIV-, bi, college student, slinging 10". Seek 18-30, black, hung, combat boots, boxer shorts, baggy jeans, bald head or dreads. Can you take a 40 and be intelligent..then we can get very nasty. I'm out. ☎ 3558. (40)

Gay male, 29 and very, very goodlooking. I'm ready, willing and able to please a black stud. Call me when you're ready, I'm waiting. Joseph. ☎ 3626. 192. (40)

Atlanta. Seek guys who are versatile, witty and ready to party. We can get it on. I'm 5'9", 155. Don. ☎ 3453. (39)

GWM, 49, 5'5½" 168 lbs, healthy HIV+, kind, loving, medium built, blue eyes, speech impaired, into music, like basketball, bowling, dining out, and spending quiet evenings at home. Seeking and looking for that special GBM who is friendly, honest, masculine, and affectionate for companionship and possible relationship. Must be into safe sex and no drugs. Serious only. No fats or fems. Please write and send a photo with your phone number or call 404-378-7167. Let me hear from you. Larry. ☎ 3376. 175. (39)

Men's Personals—IL

BM, 33, 6'3", 170, very goodlooking, shaved head, looking to meet guys in Illinois, black or white, who are very intelligent, to attend movies, dine out. I'm a classical musician, but I like all forms, especially jazz. Wesley. ☎ 3917. (42)

Masculine BM, 29, 6'1", 240, serious bodybuilder, 31" waist, professional. Seeking similar into bodybuilding and athletics with a strong sense of discipline and ambition. ☎ 3831. (41)

GBM, 19, wanted to meet attractive, sincere, relationship-oriented, masculine BM, 24-32. Interests should include good sense of humor, open minded, spend quality time. Please no dead-beats. David. ☎ 3866. (41)

BM, 37, 5'11", 220 lbs., avid bodybuilder, profesional, freelance writer, photographer. I enjoy going out, plays and movies. Sometimes I get lazy and just want to stay home and watch videos and talk to friends. ☎ 3880. (41)

Pro-Wrestling/boxing/fight fanatic. Chicago, GWM, 33, 5'6", hairy, good shape, seeks GBMs into fantasy matches, videos of brutal brawls in/out of the ring. No-holds barred fantasies, J/O, winner tops leser. Big men, big-bellied a plus. 205. (40)

Black, 34, 6'0" 220 lbs, HIV-, smoker, versatile, bright, sincere. In search of a casual friendship with a masculine black male that could develop into a monogamous relationship. ☎ 3805. 203. (40)

College student, 5'11", 155 lbs., slender build, very sexual. I'm in Chicago completing internship for major oil company, If you have new experiences you want to teach me, I'm game! Kenyata. ☎ 3744. (40)

35 year old GBM, HIV+ (asymptomatic), professional person. In the final stages of completing my Ph.D. I'm looking for friendships and possible long-term relationship. ☎ 3464. (39)

Men's Personals—IN

SWM, 30, red hair, green eyes, if you are looking for a loving partner. Stop, you just found him. I will answer all letters. Dennis Pitman #882430, Box 30, Pendleton, IN 46064. (41)

B/M need only to respond to this. W/M, 40, 6'4", 220 lbs., no drugs, no wild scenes. Live alone downtown. Quiet evenings, soft jazz. Any age. Let's just talk. Photo OK. ☎ 3815. 🖉 204. (40)

GWM, 29, HIV+, asymptomatic, 6', 185, br/br, moustache, attractive, plays sports, like travelling. Looking for GBM, 25-50, with similar interests, HIV+ for longterm relationship. Joe. ☎ 3649.(40)

GWM physician, 29, 6', 185, br/br, moustache, HIV+ but asymptomatic, attractive, masculine, likes sports, movies, travelling. Seeks GBM, 25-50, also HIV+, with similar interests for possible relationship. Would like someone who could possibly relocate. Career choice not important, but honesty and sincerity are. ☎ 3630. 🖉 190. (43)

Men's Personals—LA

I'm ready, willing and able. I'm a black male looking for a black male, 35-45. Harold. ☎ 3766. (40)

WM, 29, 5'7", 160, workout, moderate hairy, beard, brown hair, hazel eyes, masculine seeks someone to get to know. ☎ 3565. (40)

Men's Personals—MA

Gay light-skinned male, 37, 5'5", 155, brown eyes, black curly hair, no drugs, don't drink, just smoke cigarettes. Enjoy Gr/Fr both ways, fun to be with, good health. Looking for GWM lover, neat and clean chubby guy. Write with photo. Bill C., 605 Maple St., Franklin, MA 02038. (40)

Boston area, 23-year-old WM, real goodlooking, would like to meet up with black guys for hot times. You should be masculine and well hung. Greg. ☎3838. (41)

Husky, 29, 230, 5'11", likes to party as well as quiet times at home. If you're in my area I'd really like to hear from you. Craig. ☎ 3856. (41)

GWM, 26, 6'1", br/br, clean shaven, masculine, professional, Boston area, seeks GBM, 25-35, goodlooking, in shape, HIV-, top, for safe times. Will be discrete if needed. Jeff. ☎ 3678. (40)

What up? My name is Lang. I'm 19, 5'10", 172, brown skin, low-cut fade, side-burns and trim mustache. I look good and live in Boston. I'm looking for black and Hispanic tops, 18-25, for penpals or relationship in Boston, New York or Los Angeles. ☎ 3680. (40)

BM, 29, BM, 5'9", 175 lbs., muscular, clean-shaven, looking for someone special. Benjamin. ☎ 3681. (40)

Gay male, 6', 185, interested in meeting nice young men, any race, 21-30, to talk and hang out. I don't mind travelling to meet you. Shanon. ☎ 3008. (40)

WM, 24, dark hair, blue eyes, looking to service hot BM from Mike Tyson to rapper types. If you're looking for what I'm offering then leave your number in my box and I'll call back discretely. Joey. ☎ 3608. (40)

Men's Personals—MD

Do you have a small waist with a big protruding bubble butt? Can you handle a clean-shaven muscular BM, 5'10", 31" waist, 180, with a big thick piece who is built for pleasure and practices safe sex? If you're my man, then I'll send for you or come to you. Call me and tell me how you meet my desires. ☎ 3826. 🖉 212. (43)

Interested in meeting young men 20-30 for goodtimes, sports, movies, I'm a black male, 6', 190, excellent body, very sensitive and passionate. All other details I will keep to myself until we meet. Shanon. ☎ 3969. (43)

Baltimore area, 35, 6'1", slim, goodlooking, seeks other GBM 30-50, masculine bottom or versatile for goodtimes only. I'm not looking for a relationship. Mike. ☎ 3977. (43)

Black man preferred. Want masculine, easy going man with a sense of humor, who is ready for a long term relationship. Must be committed to develop the body physically and spiritually. I'm 43, sensual, affectionate, WM, 5'6", 150 lbs. Alan. ☎ 3889. (41)

Masculine top man, 36, HIV-, affectionate, down to earth, sense of humor, relationship oriented, not into bars, one night stands, smokers or drugs. Interests include politics, working out, sports and music. I'm handsome, brown skinned, have moustache, 5'10", 190 lbs. and stocky. Looking for masculine, together, black male, Hispanic or white male, your personality is most important. Brian. ☎ 3760. (40)

Attractive, sexy black male, 5'10", 165, varied interests. Seeks tall, masculine black men 21+ for correspondence or possible relationship. Your photo gets mine. All answered. 🖉 182. (39)

Men's Personals—MI

BM, 27, 5'10", 165, seeks masculine BM, 21-30. No fats or fems. ☎ 3960. (43)

African American male, 29, 5'11", 220 solid pounds, seeking other African American males who are positive in image and know where they're going in life. I like working out, movies, good conversation. Jamal. ☎ 3910. (42)

GWM, live in Detroit area, 46, 5'10", 190, hairy body, beard, bottom looking for ideal black soul mate. Tony. ☎ 3823. (40)

BM, 28, seeking other black males be tween the ages of 24-45. Must be masculine, athletic, bearded and hairy. College students preferred. Latin or Arab men okay. Donald. ☎ 3646. (40)

Bi BM, bottom, seeking young black servicemen, ex-Marines, Army, Navy, wrestlers, bald a +. Also looking for ruff tuff street butch types. Donald. ☎ 3714. (40)

Light-skinned BM, 38, single, shy, movies, sports, politics. Not very experienced, but love being gay. Interested in someone nice and together. James. ☎ 3628. (40)

Whatzup? D.J., versatile black single male looking for a little fun. If you're down with that why don't you give me a message. Peace. ☎ 3571. (40)

BM, 28, looking for BM, 25-45, must be very masculine, athletic, hairy and/or bearded, college students preferred. You must be top and butch and know how to take control. Tony. ☎ 3587. (40)

Light-skinned male, 5'9½", hazel eyes. If you're interested in meeting someone who is down to earth, loves to cook, movies, non-promiscuous, call and leave a message. Tim. ☎ 3573. (40)

BGM, 5'11", 185, very attractive, muscular, enjoys communicating, eating, music, sports and working out, seeks BGM muscular with same interest. No fats, fems need apply. K. Anderson, Box 14626, Detroit MI 48214. (39)

BM, 35, 6'1", 220 pounds seeks tall BM into bodybuilding, nice looking, athletic. Al. ☎ 3471. (39)

What's up? I love to rub. I'm black and hot. Let's get together and party. Seek black men only. Kevin. ☎ 3441. (39)

Men's Personals—MO

St. Louis area. Male, 6'2", 210 lbs., bottom, attractive, have medium complexion, and like to have fun. Anthony. ☎ 3682. (40)

BM, 37, St. Louis area, interested in meeting other guys for friendship, fun, good times, play, talking, thinking, laughing, hanging out, getting close, getting to know each other. Rudy. ☎ 3618. (40)

African American male, 30, 5'7", 155 lbs., straight-acting, educated, athletic build, works out, enjoys music, movies, outdoor travel, science, bowling, and quite evenings seeks attractive African American, Caribbean/Jamacian or Nigerian straight-acting educated male 25-55 years old. Leave detail message or send letter or photo. Dan. ☎ 3786. 🖉 195. (40)

Men's Personals—MN

GBM, masculine, 38, looking to meet GBM 25-40, tall, dark-skinned who is willing to be spoiled rotten and cared about. You should enjoy to take walks, movies and more. Nate. ☎ 3872. (41)

Men's Personals—NJ

I'm a GBM, brown skin, 220 lbs., 6'2", teddy bear and looking for serious relationship. HIV-. Looking for GBM, tall dark and very muscular with large thighs and legs. Have to like tight jeans and sneakers on himself. HIV-and no queens. ☎ 3825. 🖉 202. (40)

Horny GWM seeks phone action with local guys. I'm 24, Irish construction worker, but not always a top. Let's set a time to melt the phone lines. Photo/letter. ☎ 3728. 🖉 194. (40)

Men's Personals—NY

Yo, wat up? Crazy, masculine homeboy, 30, 6'1", 165, dark-skinned, seeks ruffnecks or college boyz, 18-23, to chill out with on the one-on-one tip and get as freaky as you wanna be. Yo, if you real discreet and wanna hang with this brother from Harlem, I'll make something besides your blood presssure rise! ☎ 3936. 🖉 210. (43)

This is Dre, a fine black brother, 28, from New York City. I've been checking you out on the basketball court. You're between 18-23, 5'11"-6'6" and a straight-up homey from the hood and you like chilling out brother-to-brother. Let's go one-on-one. You can leave your ball at home, but bring all your moves. ☎ 3995. (43)

GBM, 33, looking for black gay or bisexual, 18-25, young brothers who live in Yonkers. Need a B/J, then drop your drawers and I'm all yours. Kevin. ☎ 3973. (43)

Light skinned BM, 22, 285, teddy bear, wants to be hugged. White Plains area. John. ☎ 3974. (43)

Cuban, 28, looking for BGM for possible relationship or friendship. I enjoy gym three times a week, bodybuilding and having a good time. Tony. ☎ 3909. (42)

GBM from Brazil, 28, 5'9", 130, HIV+, looking for someone special any age or race for serious relationship based on friendship and respect. Mario. ☎ 3827. (41)

Attractive GBM, 35, interested in meeting athletic type top male. If interested check me out. ☎3836. (41)

Very attractive Taurus, 27, born in April, 220#, looking for Cancer male, 24-30. I'll be waiting. Tony. ☎ 3842. (41)

BM, masculine, 45, 5'8", 170#, HIV-, balding, bearded, French A/P, Greek P, seeking masculine, HIV-men (any race) for fun and possible relationship. Reply with photo to: Roy, Box 250546, Brooklyn, NY 11225-0545. (40)

Cultured, quiet, elderly black gent, retired (68); very short, stocky, serving; seeks senior Afro-American males, 50-plus, in NYC area, who are tall, vigorous, masculine, agressive. Dave R., 930 Grand Concourse #6B, Bronx, NY 10451. 718-681-0179. Call only 8 p.m.-midnight. (39)

BM, 6', beard, looking to meet serious-minded brothers. Peace. Ed. ☎ 3817. (40)

Gay black male, 33, looking for good time or possible relationship with GBM, 35-40. Kenny. ☎ 3818. (40)

Brooklynite, 30, 6', 170 lbs., brown complexion, toned body. Interested in meeting community conscious brothers of African descent only, 30+, secure sense of themselves, emotionally mature, not afraid to communicate their needs. Call Savage. ☎ 3809. (40)

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GBM, 24 seeks other GBMs for safe group sex. Horny black men or well endowed men are A+. ✐ 3574. (40)

Hi. My name is Raymond. I'm a BGM, 32, 5'7", 187 lbs., HIV+, Cancerian ISO dialogue with compatible, hairy, tall, GWM for lover/relationship. No addictions. Leos, Taurus men a +. ☎ 3444. ✐ 174. (39)

GBHM, sincere, honest, attractive, 26, masculine, muscular, romantic, interested in all minorities who are into friendship with possible relationship. You should be masculine and drug free. ☎ 3470. (39)

BM seeks BM, 25-35, for fun and excitement. Let's hang out. Troy. ☎ 3443. (39)

Men's Personals—NC

GWM, 40, 5'8", 165, dark hair, beard, writer, serious, romantic, seeks ebony prince charming, 23-35, slim to medium build for monogamous relationship. ☎ 3634. (40)

Men's Personals—OH

GBM, 36, 6'4", 235, masculine, sincere, active, professional seeks similar BM, 30-60 for relationship. Likes gray hair, balding, husky and hairy men. No drugs or fems. Photo appreciated. All replies answered. Taurus and Cancers encouraged to reply. C.W., 3594 Meadowbrook Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44118. (45)

Ex-drill instructor, GBM, 31, discrete top wants to meet discrete black bottoms between ages 25-40 in the areas of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Carolina, Georgia. No overweights. Must have a photo for a reply. All photos returned promptly. I want our black bodies clashing in a wild, sweaty, frenzied ecstacy. I will leave you wanting more. ✐ 209. (42)

SBM, 29, 5'7", 150, seeks professional black males, 24-50. Must be top, masculine, hairy, athletic. No fats or fems. Photo gets response. Gary. ☎ 3966. ✐ 213. (43)

GBM, 6'1", 185, 37, HIV+, healthy, handsome, hairy nice build, varied interests, seek a masculine GM who has it together. Write me. Plenty of life left to live onwards and upwards. ☎ 3631. ✐ 191. (40)

Men's Personals—OK

Looking for hard men like myself in the Tulsa area, fair skinned, greenish eyes, very discrete. Rick. ☎ 3864. (41)

GBM seeks other men in Tulsa area for romantic times. Masculine, tall, thin, handsome. Caesar. ☎ 3456. (39)

Men's Personals—PA

Chocolate hard body, 26, in search of other exceptional black men who are seeking a truly hot sensual experience or a good platonic friendship. I appreciate a masculine butch bottom who's conservative and also ready for action. Let me drive your body like a Maserati. I like to drive if you like to be driven. Dick. ☎ 3933. (42)

BM, 32, 6'2", 195, handsome, a man's man, in search of a BM, 30-40, tall, medium brown to dark, developed, bald, nubian featued, big lips, nose, ears, fingers, feet and you know what else. I prefer a strong, agressive, take charge police, serviceman, pro athlete. I'm discrete and totally dedicated. Married or Bi a+. Ramon. ☎ 3861. (41)

Gay male, 6'1½", 44½" chest, 31" waist, looking for extremely tall black brothers, 6'2"-7', homeboy look with athletic build, African, rastas, ex-prisoners, top, 8" or more, discrete. Ramone. ☎ 3816. (40)

Whats up my Nubian brothers? I'm 27, 5'7", 200 lbs., in shape. I like to travel, hike, bike, read, hang and you know what I mean by "hang." I'm about the positive, not the negative. ☎ 3807. (40)

GM, 32, 5'9", 200 lbs., professional, romantic, Cancerian, active in church, enjoy clubs now and then. "T". ☎ 3655. (40)

GBM, 25, 5'6", bodybuilder, bottom, love to have sex. Looking for nice looking brothers who like to get down with a good looking BB. Russell. ☎ 3709. (40)

Yo. My name is T. I'm 5'9", 195, pleasingly plump, 32 and professional. Looking for someone that is real, romantic, sexy dominant, fun and likes good rubdowns. If you're the one then call my mailbox. ☎ 3600. (40)

BM, 6'1", 198, sexy would like to meet other sharp looking guys who like to get it on with me. I like to go to parks and have fun, if you're down with that call me. Gerald. ☎ 3623. (40)

Yo guys, Brian here, 30, 5'9", 155, blond flat-top, hazel eyes, ex-marine, Pittsburgh area, looking for clean cut masculine straight up black guys 21-35 for good clean fun. ☎ 3620. (40)

Men's Personals—SC

I enjoy singing, dancing, having fun, writing poetry and just mingling with friends. Dee Dee. ☎ 3859. (41)

GM, 23, enjoys writing poetry, dancing, singing, hanging out with friends. Avery. ☎ 3730. (40)

Masculine, discrete, African American brother, slim build, nice looking, medium brown, into sports, movies, arts, seeks friendship, possible relationship with masculine, muscular, handsome, black brother who is athletic, bodybuilder type. Hairy a +, with a big plump black man's butt. There it is. Dwayne. ☎ 3696. (40)

Men's Personals—TN

African American male, very attractive, 6'1", fantastic personality, journalist, live in Nashville. Into movies, music and fun. Seeks someone for fun and romance. Lorenzo. ☎ 3572. (40)

Men's Personals—TX

BM, 39, bottom, residing in Sherman, I like just about everything, quiet evenings at home, fun nights out on the town, romantic candlelit dinners. I'm interested in meeting a relationship-oriented, strong, competent BM who has his act together. Artis. ☎ 3857. (41)

GBM bottom, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs., seeking a well-endowed black top for serious dating and possible relationship. Light-complexion a definite plus. Peace out. ☎ 3868. (41)

Word up. BM, 33, looking for a strong black brother for a good friendship. I'm an assistant engineer in Houston and you should be a profesional also. AJ. ☎ 3878. (43)

Masculine BM, 25, enjoys weightlifting, basketball, seeking masculine professional guys who like to laugh and have a good time. Why don't you check me out? Later. ☎ 3879. (41)

African American bottom, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs., light complexion, seeks well endowed top men of color for serious dating, possible relationship. Bowlegs or blue-black complexion a definite plus. ☎ 3868. ✐ 206. (40)

GBM, 19, wanting to meet an attractive, sincere relationship-oriented black masculine male between the ages of 24 and 32. Interests include good sense of humor, open minded, spending quality time. No dead beats! ☎ 3866. (40)

Masculine, muscular, well-endowed top, professional, seek tall 6'6" +, muscular, professional GBM bottom for passionate safe sex or possible relationship, 30-50, HIV-only. Robert. ☎ 3770. (40)

I'm looking for a big muscular BM, body builder, football build type. I'm 25, light skinned, 6'2", 170 lbs., basketball player build, very masculine and I travel all over the country. ☎ 3741. (40)

BM, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs., dark skin, bowlegged, licensed registered nurse. I'm interested in meeting young, 18-24, black and Hispanic guys who take pride in your self and your appearance. I live in Houston. Lee. ☎ 3742. (40)

GWM, 39, 6'1", over 300 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. Are you looking for more than a one night stand? Call Terry from Dallas. ☎ 3791. (40)

GBM, bottom, looking for top action from black masculine male. Peace out! Jeff. ☎ 3795. (40)

BM, 6'3", 230, 30 years old, light complexion, bottom, seeking dominant military or blue collar type. Must be well-endowed. You should have a dark complexion and interested in serious dating or relationship. John. ☎ 3796. (40)

GBM 165 lbs., 5'10" educated, endowed, seek other blacks, P.R. for hot safe sex. No fakes, pretenters or fems. Only positive sincere men need reply. Photos get mine. ✐ 201. (40)

Professional, BGM, 5'7", 26, body and facial hair, seeking top man for fun and friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy conversation, candlelight dinners, theater. You should be comfortable with your life style. You should love life and love to live it. Terry. ☎ 3702. (40)

GBM, 5'11", 185 lbs., 38, clean-cut, moustache, homebody, HIV-. I'm into reading and working out. Seeking monogamous relationship. No games. ☎ 3383. (39)

GWM, blonde, blue, bottom, 5'10", 188 lbs., 38, looks younger. Seeking any race slim top-man; bi ok. Write with photo to Boxholder, Box 90008, San Antonio, TX 78209-9008. (41)

Houston BM, 38, seeking African American males, 18-40 who are very much into bodybuilding with huge muscle-bound bodies. ☎ 3410. (39)

GBM, 5'10", 190, brown complexion, wear glasses, fade haircut, likes to party at home, seeks to meet couples for fun. Clark. ☎ 3445. (39)

Men's Personals—VA

Attractive GBM, 29, artist, 5'8", 145, HIV+, in good health. Seeks attractive, well built, masculine homeboy of black or white color to share interest in music, weightlifting, workouts, theater, African art, sports, cooking, reading, intimate evenings and more serious about life and living it with an open mind and have hopes in a stimulating relationship. Then send photo and letter to Box 3216, Reston, VA 22090. (38)

Men's Personals—WA

Very goodlooking, BM, 6'3", 195 lbs., 28, facial hair, seek rough trade, black, Latin or Arab, discrete, big legs and thighs A+. I live in Northwest but visit Southern California often. Kerry. ☎ 3781. (40)

BM, 6', 165, athletic runners build, aspiring BB, new to Seattle area, looking for a few friends to show me around. Sam. ☎ 3579. (40)

Single, tall, dark, handsome. I like to get out and go to concerts, plays, darts, drinking, enjoy Jimi Hendrix, Stones, classical, country, 4X4s, motorcycles, chess. I'm looking for someone to talk to. Jerry. ☎ 3621. (40)

Men's Personals—WI

BiBM, 29, professional, discrete, clean, 5'10", 185, seeks BM, 18-34, to meet and or correspond. Travel to Texas and Georgia often; Illinois right next door. Your seductive photo gets mine. ☎ 3983. ✐ 214. (43)

Between 21-40? African American, Puerto Rican, other? Goal oriented? Passionate? Endowed at least 8½" and thick? Attuned to social justice? I am 43, GHM, 5'10", Blk/Brn, 225#, seeking intimacy and friendship. Respond to all, will return photos. Mark, Box 10361, Milwaukee, WI 53210. (39)

Man wanted. Sincere, understanding and open-minded. You: Black/Latin/White. Must be: active/passive, in-shape (bodybuilder/jock build), non-fat/femme, 18-40. Tall A+. Leather A+. Monogamous/non-monogamous. Me: Dark blond/blue, 26, 6'1", 190, 30" waist, 7½" white boy. Also open to sexual fantasies, etc. Include photo. Michael, 1547 N. 59th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208. (41)

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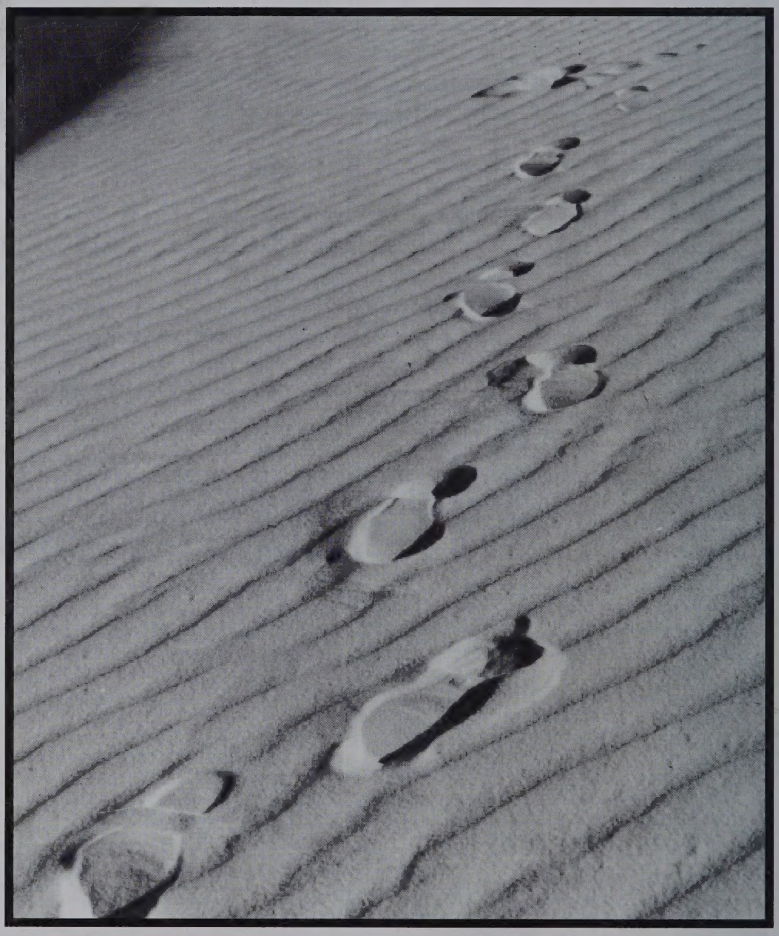

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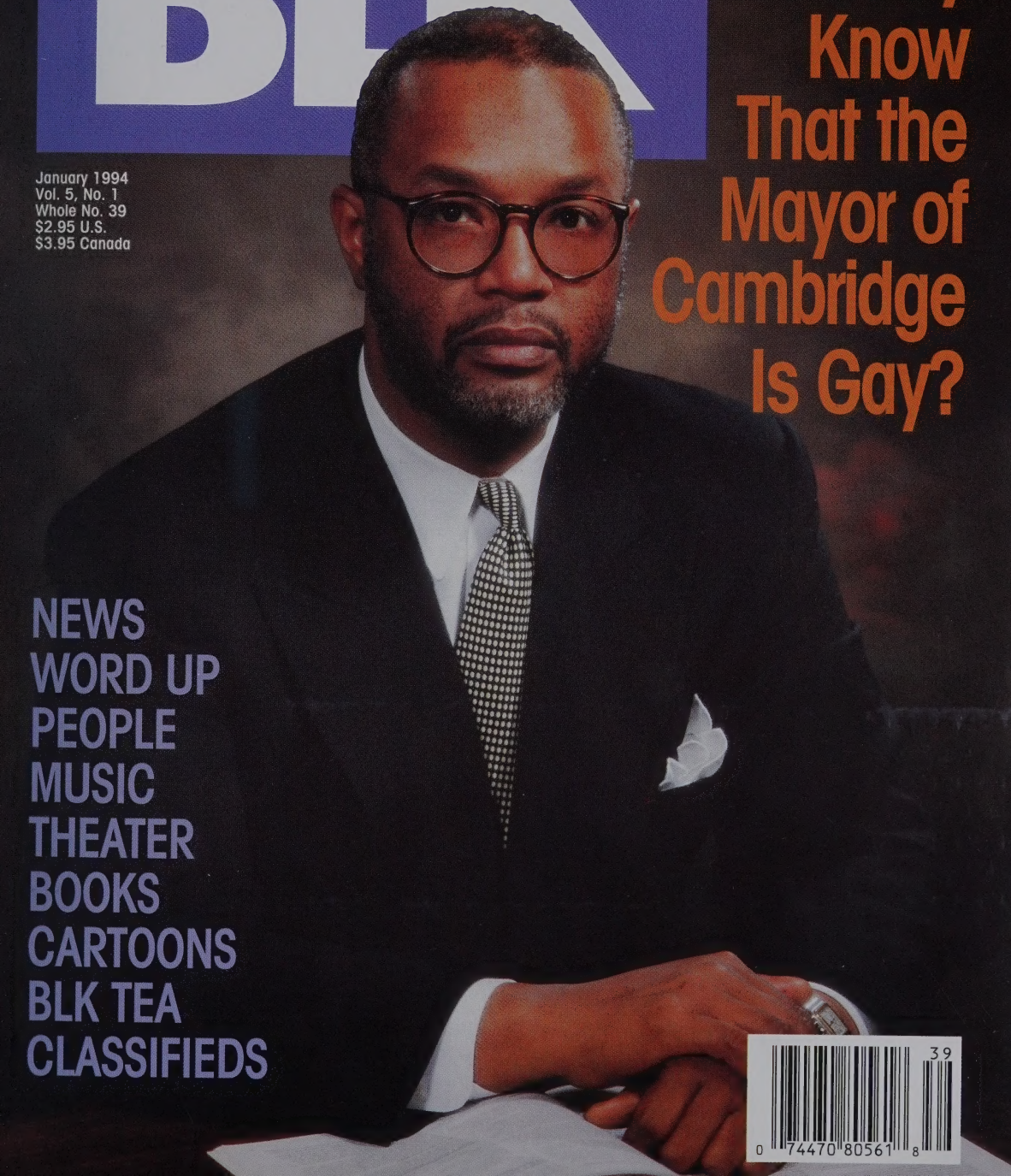

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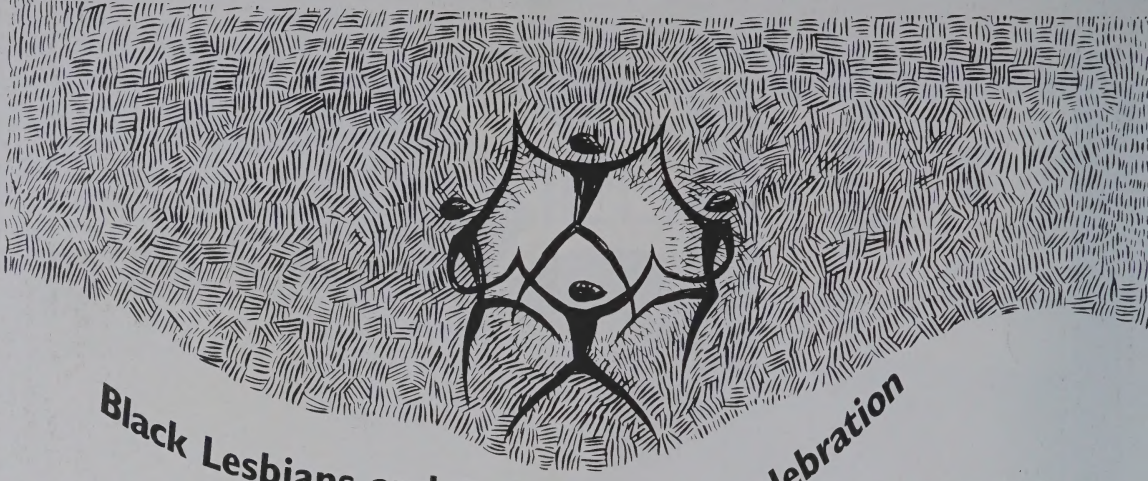

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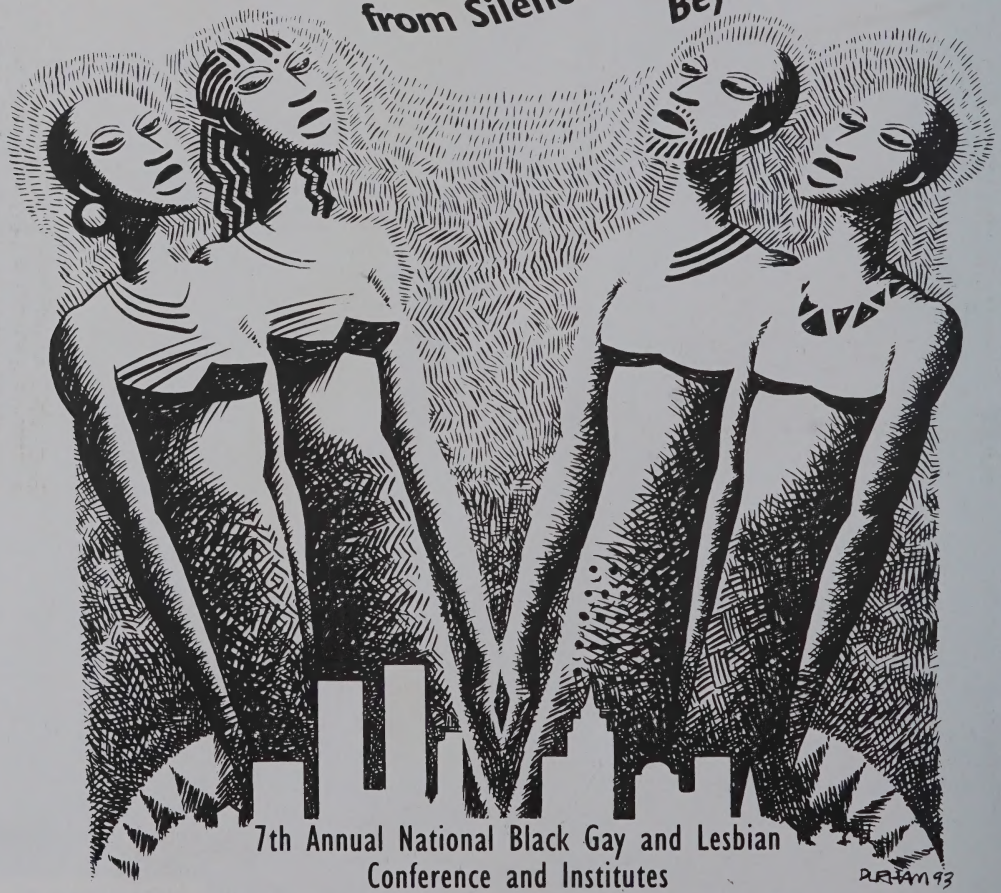

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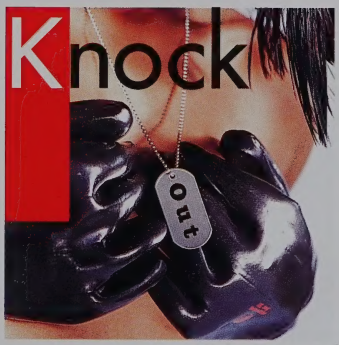

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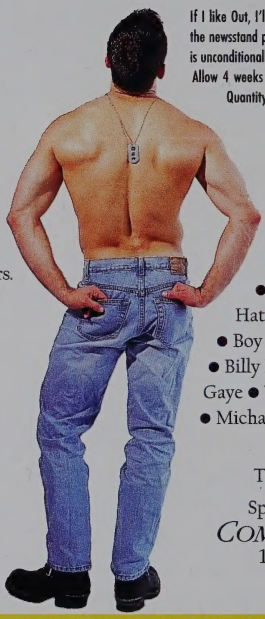

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WORD UP

By Leon Miller

Bonilla Calls Reporter 'Faggot'

New York Mets outfielder Bobby Bonilla called *New York Daily News* sports writer Bob Klapisch a "faggot" during a post-game interview. Gay activists have speculated that Bonilla was upset at Klapisch for his 1992 book about the Mets, *The Worst Team Money Can Buy*.

Gloria Gaynor Prays for Homosexuals

First Donna Summer did or didn't say it. Now Gloria Gaynor did or didn't.

The Sun reports that Gloria Gaynor whose "I Will Survive" became an instant classic in the '70s, has called homosexuality "an abomination."

In an interview with a reporter for the British newspaper, the disco diva said, "I never know what to say to people who tell me that my song helped break up their marriage or made them openly homosexual. It certainly wasn't what I intended. I don't approve of anything the Bible doesn't approve of...

"I had a young man come to me recently who said that I helped him to go to his parents and tell them he was gay. It really upset me. I cried when he left. I was so hurt. I didn't mind him going to his parents, but didn't want to think I'd encouraged him...

"God loves homosexuals, but he doesn't love what they do any more than he loves me lying or somebody else cheating. I always pray for all these people..."

Gloria Gaynor

Ike and Tina Turner

Rebecca Fitzgerald, a publicist with Polydor, Gaynor's label, who was reportedly present for most of the interview, had this to say: "To the best of my knowledge, Gloria did not make these comments. It would be a curious state of affairs if Gloria said that."

Curious, indeed. And curiouser still if a professional journalist had made them up.

Gloria Gayor was unavailable for comment.

Tina Turner Calls Ike 'Blessed'

Tina Turner hasn't had a lot of good things to say about ex-hubby Ike recently. But in a *Vanity Fair* article, she did divulge a few facts that aren't entirely unfavorable.

"I really didn't like Ike's body. I don't give a damn how big his member was," she said. "I think that must have been very attractive to a lot of white women. I swear, the first time I saw Ike's body, I thought he had the body of a horse. It hung without an erection, it hung with an erection. He really was blessed, I must say in that area."

Ike Turner was unavailable for measurement.

Not Those Kind of Black Books

More publications you might think are African-American specific–but aren't–have come across my desk. They are:

Little Black Book published by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. It's an 18-page lesbian and gay legal guide.

True Colors, a newsletter for lesbian and gay therapists, counseling centers and counseling clients.

Black Sheets, a quarterly 'zine about sexuality from Bill Brent, who is also the publisher of *The Black Book*, a publication which is

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also not targeted to the black community.

Union, a part of the trade union coalition, Cosato.

Company Says 'No' to Panties at Work

Some 400 women were fired from their jobs because they demanded the right to wear panties at work.

The women, who worked at National Chick Farms outside Pietmaritzburg in Natal, South Africa, were required to take off their underpants and put on company-supplied bermuda shorts when they entered the chicken farm's breeding areas. Officials at the company claimed the rule was necessary because newborn chicks are at a high degree of risk for infection.

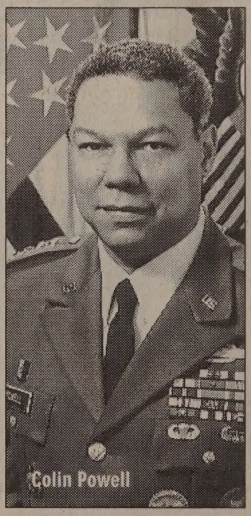
One women said that a male supervisor would make periodic checks by touching their genatalia to make sure the rule was being followed.

When they were menstruating, the woman went on, they were told to hold their sanitary pads in place with their thighs.

The women are being aided in their fight against the company by the Food and Allied Workers

Captain Says Powell Knew He Was Gay

Although retired Army General Colin Powell has spoken out against lifting the ban on lesbians and gay men in the military, according to Army Captain Michael McManus, who is gay,


Colin Powell

Powell has no problem with gay men on his staff.

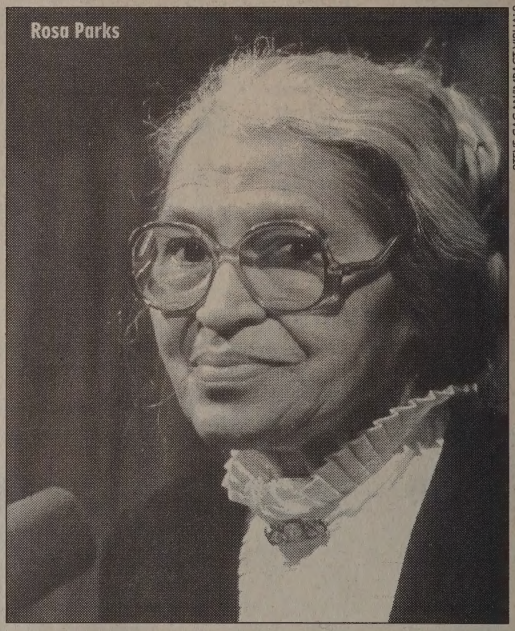
While stationed in Frankfurt, Germany in 1986, then-Sergeant McManus is quoted in *New Jersey* magazine as saying he served as Powell's bodyguard and interpreter. It was during that time, according to McManus, that he came out to Powell, confiding that he was gay.

According to the ex-sergeant, Powell replied, "What do you want me to do about it? As long as you're doing your job well, that doesn't matter to me. And you're doing an excellent job."

WRFG: Thumbs Up, Down

Atlanta radio station WRFG (89.3) apparently tries to please everyone. In October, the FM outlet aired "Homosexuals in Africa: Trick or Treat," a program which claimed to provide positive proof that homosexuality is a phenomenon of people of European descent and that lesbian and gay African-Americans don't naturally exist.

But WRFG also regularly airs "Les Chanteuses Africaines," where Alicia Banks discusses progressive pro-woman, pro-gay, pro-black issues in the wee Sunday morning hours from one to four a.m. Banks, who also has a Saturday night call-in talk show on Atlanta radio station WIGO-AM (1340), is African-American and openly lesbian.


Rosa Parks

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Rosa Parks Gets Gay Ski Group's Nod

In a bloated display of all-encompassing politically correctitude, the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community has unofficially dedicated its 17th annual Aspen Gay Ski Week to the World War II resistance movement, the Dalai Lama, the Three Musketeers and Rosa Parks.

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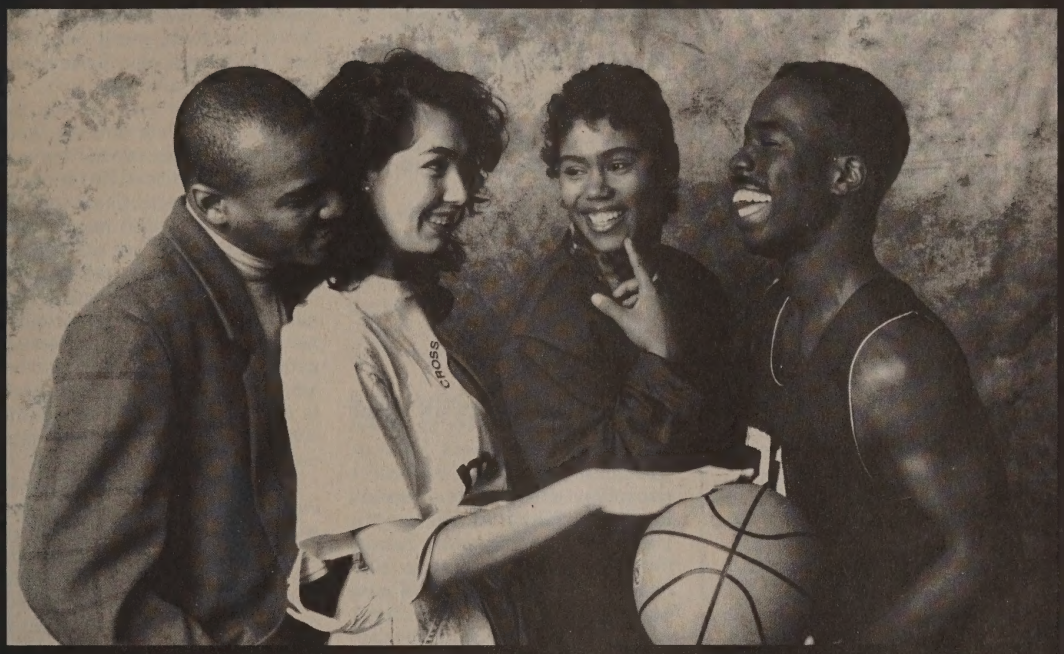

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More on Black and White Men

I am in total agreement with the brother who wrote the letter regarding black men/white men syndrome. I decided to find out what was going on.

Having researched the subject for eight years, I now have documents proving once held theories. Black gay and bisexual men tend to be poorly educated in black history and spend very little time in such. Therefore, they are targets for white racist ideology.

Our history didn't start in 1492, it goes back to Egypt before Egypt was called Egypt. Most black folks are ignorant of the fact that most western culture is derived from ancient Egypt. The Greeks stole from the black Egyptians and passed it on to the Romans who, in turn, passed it on to all Europe. I suggest that some of these lost souls read about the rape of the Nile and the destruction of black civilization. I would doubt most know that Arabic and Hebrew are not Indo-European languages. The group is called Afro-Asiatic, meaning an Asiatic white people came into the region and took on the language of the natives.

Check your library and you'll find that most anthropologists agree that the languages were first spoken in Africa and carried out some 10,000 years ago and reintroduced in modern times. The reason for the theory is that there are five branches spoken in Africa by black Africans and only two spoken outside Africa by white people. Yes, folks, the original white people we call Arabs and Jews came out of the Caucasus Mountains of Russian into the Tigris and Euphrates Valley and when they arrived they found a high civilization occupied by people of a different race. History does not say what race the people belonged to, however, we are not foolish to the fact that Egypt ruled the whole territory at the time. We can also look at the living population in these areas and see the African hair form among their members. Truth has a way of manifesting itself despite of cover-ups.

The biggest lie ever told was that the pyramids were built by white folks. You don't leave your home to build the greatest civilization on Earth in someone else's country while your homeland remains savage and barbaric for 4,000 years. Also, younger cultures can be traced to an origin which is an older culture. There is nothing on the continent of Europe which suggests a pyramid cult, whereas in Africa they are all over the place. Every culture in Africa had up until recently a ritual that was found in ancient Egypt; not so in Europe.

We must first right history before we as a people can move on because what we are doing now is living a bunch of lies. Let us not forget, the same folks who raided Egypt are the same folks we are dealing with today. The Hyskos you read about in your Bible who set up petty kingdoms in Egypt and ruled a couple of hundred years later renamed themselves the Hebrews and finally Jews. Ancient names change but it is the same old people doing the same thing. Your history is your foundation and like a building, without a foundation you cannot build. If you know your history you can ward off certain evils. Knowing that the Caucasian race has been in and out of Africa with bad intentions for thousands of years is a defense. Knowing what is happening in South Africa was the same thing that happened to Egypt 4,000 years ago is a weapon and a defense.

People do not change; they alternate to fit the need at the time. To forgive and forget is asking to be walloped all over again. Those who forget the past are destined to repeat it. To erase the past serves the purpose of doing it all over again and that is why each new group of white people are able to enter the continent, rape it and leave it. They've been successful in changing their

names over the centuries, but the people remain the same.

Bob Stocks
San Francisco, Calif.

Gays and lesbians have existed and continue in all races, cultures, religions, classes, socioeconomic statuses and educational background across societies and throughout time. Furthermore, black gays and lesbians exist today and have always existed in the African-American community: from the glorious days of Mother Africa, in the horrific slave ships, under the brutal conditions of slavery, in the Harlem Renaissance, Jim Crow segregation, the Civil Rights movement, to our present day reality.

Black gays and lesbians have been lynched, raped and murdered by racists too. Black gays and lesbians have participated in bus boycotts, marched on Washington, sat-in at lunch counters, demanded black and ethnic studies on college campuses, fought and died in all of America's wars, and also watched in anger and despair the beating of Rodney King and the unfolding of the April, 1992 uprisings.

In the growing public discourse on gay and lesbian rights, we see and hear mostly white gay males denouncing General Colin Powell for failing to make the connections between racial and sexual discrimination. The visibility of white gay males, coupled with the absence of gays, lesbians and bisexuals of color in the discourse underscores the myth that there are no gays, lesbians and bisexuals of color who contribute to our communities and the larger society.

Do these gay white males know that one of the very first soldiers to challenge the U.S. military for its exclusion of homosexuals was a gay African-American man, Sgt. Perry Watkins, during the Vietnam War?

Have they read the great works of Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Audre Lorde. Joseph Beam, Essex Hemphill, Donald Woods, Countee Cullen, Barbara Smith, Julie Carter, Jamelelah Waheed, Rory Buchanan and the countless other black poets, playwrights, writers, educators and activists? Have they ever seen the award-winning films *Ethnic Notions, Color Adjustment* and *Tongues Untied* by one of the brilliant filmmakers of our time, Marlon Riggs?

Do they know who Hattie Cohens was?

How many times have we heard whites say to us, "I'm not a racist; I can't be racist...I have black friends... My best friend is Asian...My co-worker is Latino...My next door neighbor is Iranian...My grandfather was Cherokee." Just claiming to have people of color as friends and co-workers does not absolve white people from racism. Freedom belongs to all of us. As Bell Hooks has put forth, "If I cannot share with you the truth of my existence, how can you know or love me. And most importantly, how can you work for freedom on my behalf?"

Teresa W.
Los Angeles, Calif.

No White Santas

Never, never again put a white Santa Claus on the cover of BLK [December 1993]. There are many African-America lesbian and gay families with children who do not hide our community magazines from their children. They need to be able to see and identify with people of their own race, even if it is a fable.

David Flot
La Paula Turner
Los Angeles, Calif.

We would have preferred to have had a black Santa on the cover as well. But we don't yet have the clout to dictate the specifications of a RuPaul photo shoot. We selected from what we were given. Since, unlike Geraldine, RuPaul is hardly an Afrocentric creation, we figured it wasn't all that inappropriate for one blonde-haired white fantasy to be ogled by another.

Y'all Do Texas

There is definitely a need for a quality publication devoted to covering a diverse black gay and lesbian culture nationwide. You should consider doing a BLK issue on the community and happenings here in Texas.

Rick Thurmond
Dallas, Tex.

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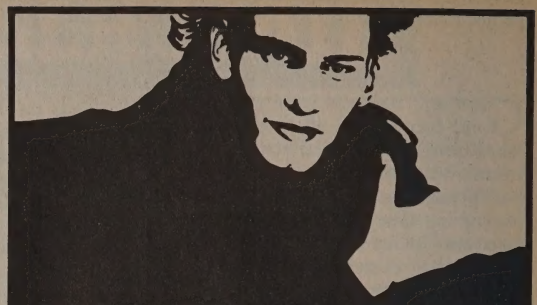

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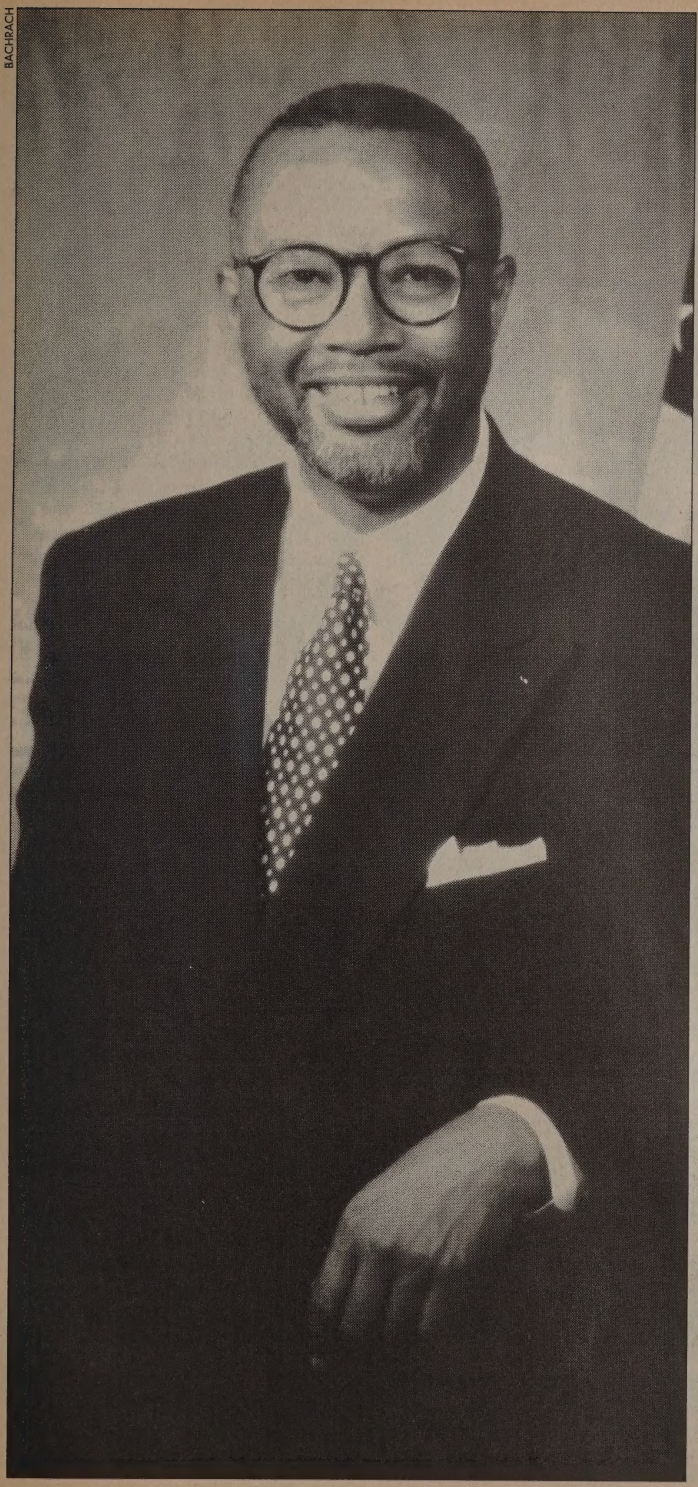

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BY SHAWN HINDS

Mayor Ken Reeves

CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

HIS HONOR IS THE NATION'S ONLY OPENLY GAY AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYOR. WHEN HE 'CAME OUT' A WHOLE YEAR AGO, WAS IT REALLY NEWS?

The Event

MAYOR REEVES RECALLS how the *Advocate* reporter seemed doubtful last spring as the mayor downplayed his 'coming out' at the Greater Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance awards ceremony in December 1992. "He asked me to list ten friends, and I think he called most of them to see if what I told him [that Reeve's longtime friends and associates knew he was gay] was true."

The Alliance hailed Reeves and former Cambridge Mayor Alice Wolf as "Friends of the Community" for their longtime support of gay and lesbian issues in Boston, but the hypocrisy, Reeves felt, was in accept-

ing an award as some sort of "friend to myself." So while Wolf referred to being called an "honorary lesbian" in her acceptance speech, Reeves made it clear before some 225 gays and lesbians, most of whom already knew, that "I'm not an honorary homosexual, I'm a real homosexual."

The east coast gay press picked upon his anouncement that week, and Boston's mainstream daily *Globe* confirmed his announcement the following week. "Though it was difficult for [the press] not to say 'Mayor Reeves revealed' it was there for anyone who had eyes to see," Reeves told BLK.

What is 'Out' Exactly?

LOCAL ACTIVISTS, who acknowledged that Reeves never kept his sexuality a secret, were nevertheless delighted with and supportive of Reeves's on-the-record announcement. Arthur Lipkin of the Cambridge Lavender Alliance explained its significance to the *Cambridge Chronicle*: "He wasn't really forthright in his political life in Cambridge. He didn't deny anything, but he certainly didn't make any declarations."

Sue Hyde, another Lavender Alliance member, added, "Sure we all knew he was gay, but he stood in front of 250 gay men and lesbians in front of city hall [before the June 1992 Gay Pride March] and never said 'Ich bin ein Berliner.' He never said 'I'm proud to be gay.'"

"The notion that all gay people have to come out in a particular way is a white thing," Reeves told BLK. "I have always felt oppressed by the notion that, in order to be politically 'out,' you must do it a certain way. I've dealt with this nonsense for a long time, now. [My announcement] was more about coming way out, because I don't believe I've ever been, in any way, closeted. I literally will not do anything, to speak of, differently, because I wasn't then, and am still not, terribly concerned with other people's definitions."

The man who has insisted on public life on his terms is the son of a bus driver and a registered nurse. He lived and tutored children at the Columbia Point housing development in Dorchester while attending Harvard College. After graduation, Reeves won a Michael Rockefeller fellowship for study and travel in Africa, spending a year in Benin (West Africa). He also spent time in Sweden studying social welfare legislation and social policy. After graduation from the University of Michigan Law School in 1976, Reeves returned to Cambridge, the city he had come to call home. Practicing civil law and becoming integral to Cambridge civic life, Reeves was elected to the city council five years ago and sworn in as the city's (and the state's) first black mayor in January 1992. His announcement at the awards ceremony made him the nation's first openly gay African-American mayor.

"Massachusetts has two gay congressmen [Gerry Studds and Barney Frank], both of whom I admire, but neither of whom I particularly saw as role models, because neither [as white men] would have to respond to the black preacher."

Going through life, "I don't know how I would have managed without the life and example of James Baldwin," says Reeves. Another role model is Harvard University Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Rev. Peter Gomes, who came out on campus last year, partly in response to a small but vocal minority of rightist, reactionary Harvard students. "Gomes made it clear that the earth did not open up and swallow you when you stood up for who you were," says Reeves.

Yet another inspiration is choreographer Bill T. Jones, who recently thanked him not only for work he had been doing, but for the *"other* thing that I had done, namely coming out. While the white community seems socialized to affirm someone's coming out, men of color have simply approached me and said, 'I respect what you have done I know what it means.' "

"Many people asked me if I planned to make some particular statement that night," Reeves reflected. Borrowing from Jones, he remarked "Bill says, 'I don't plan a dance, I do what's in my heart.' Well, what happened was an expression of what's written in my heart."

"Nobody in the press had ever asked me if I was gay," said Reeves, who has a lover of some 24 years. "I never tried to hide it from anyone."

Yet Reeves is aware that being "way out" can make a difference as a role model for other young lesbian and gay African-Americans who will continue to struggle with "the riddle of how Americans respond to black people," not to mention gay people.

"I believe many black gay people are silent about their sexuality, because given the twin blessings of blackness and gayness, they're expending more energy existing as black Americans. But since it's not simple to find a response to this riddle and stay out of harms way, we simply don't get to dealing with being gay as well. That issue takes a back seat because Americans respond to color first. I do think there's something courageous about coming out every day for the rest of one's life, but it seems somewhat unnatural," he mused. "To never speak about it is not the truth, but to only speak about it would not be the truth either."

On the Black Lesbian and Gay Movement

TO REEVES, BLACK LESBIAN and gay liberation means being able to embrace at once both one's blackness and gayness. "If you're honest, one doesn't go away while you deal with the other."

Reeves, who says he is "starved" for full community with black lesbians and gay men, missed the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum's sixth annual conference in Long Beach, Calif. last year, but he looks forward to making number seven, set for Secaucus, N.J. next month in February. "The gift that black gay men and lesbians have yet to give each other," he says, "is an overwhelming sense of philosophical and ideological validity."

Yet Reeves is also aware that blacks are beginning to, in numbers, grapple with what he calls "the mixture of mythology and reality" about the black community. "Either gay white people have told us or we have told ourselves that our com-

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Committee, Hall, Ford, Childs to 'Hall of Fame'

CHICAGO–The Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays, who successfully campaigned for inclusion in this year's Bud Billiken Parade, along with Robert Ford, Joel Hall and the late E. Kitch Childs were among the inductees at the third annual Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame ceremony held Nov. 17 at the Cultural Center.

The Ad Hoc Committee was formed earlier this year to challenge parade organizers who initially rejected the group's attempt to march as an openly lesbian and gay organization. Ford, the founder of the now defunct *Thing* magazine, was honored for his contributions as a publisher and writer; Hall, founder of the Chicago Theater Company and Joel Hall Dancers, was recognized for his contributions to the arts; and the late E. Kitch Childs was given a posthumous nod for her work as a distinguished feminist, clinical psychologist and for her advocacy of human rights issues.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1991 by the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues with support of the Chicago Commission on Human Rights, to ensure that Chicago residents, and the nation, are aware of the significant contributions to city life made by the lesbian and gay community.

Individuals and organizations are nominated into the Hall of Fame by a committee of former inductees who include activists Carol A. Johnson and Max Smith from 1991, along with AIDS educator Richard Lee Gray and Cook County Gay And Lesbian Hate Crimes Victim/Witness coordinator Vernitia Gray from 1992.

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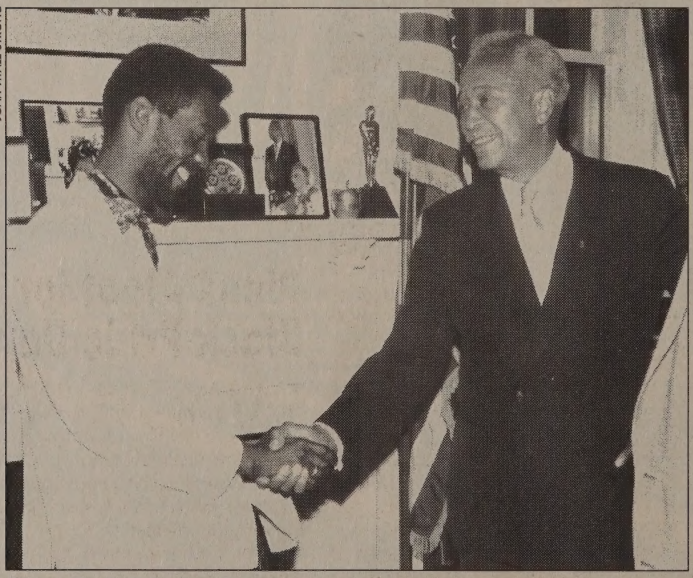


Simon Nkoli Visits New York–The New York Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community co-sponsored an evening with gay South African activist Tseko Simon Nkoli at the Center of the Rainbow Oct. 6. Nkoli (left), a founding member of the Gay and Lesbian Organization of the Witwatersrand and who has been involved in the broader struggle to end apartheid and bring democracy to his country, is pictured with former New York Mayor David N. Dinkins.

Playwright Gets Life in Murder

PHILADELPHIA–One of the city's most promising playwrights was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of his roommate. Shawn Deveareaux pleaded guilty and was sentenced on June 29, having confessed earlier this year to the brutal murder of Frank Griffin, and has been in jail since his arrest on Jan. 22, 1992. The murder cut short what friends and supporters saw as DeVeareaux's bright future in the arts and as a leader in the lesbian and gay community.

The grisly murder, a bludgeoning by hammer, was apparently the result of fights that DeVeareaux and Griffin had been having over the playwright's money problems. DeVeareaux failed to pay rent or his share of food expenses.

"It was self-defense. No one knows what I was going through," DeVeareaux told the *Philadelphia Gay News* in April. "He could have shot me. There were nights when I came home and he would lock me out of the apartment and I'd have to sleep in the hallway in drag. People don't think this kind of stuff happens, but it still does."

DeVeareaux, a talented playwright, actor, and female impersonator, had been characterized by friends after his January arrest as having a tempermental, if not vola-

tile, personality. In addition, some say he was constantly in pursuit of the good life he felt he deserved.

"He just never seemed to have what he needed," one anonymous source told the the *Advocate* earlier this year. "I think that led him to seek 'alternative' sources of income." Some of DeVeareaux' alleged crimes included bouncing checks, theft, forgery, and prostitution.

Reggie Williams to Leave NTFAP

SAN FRANCISCO–Citing declining health, Reggie Williams, co-founder and executive director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention has announced that he will step down from his post at the end of February, 1994.

Williams, who began his AIDS activism locally in 1984 and expanded to the national arena with the formation of the Task Force in 1988, told his board of directors at an October meeting that he has "been in this battle of a long time" and that he would now like to take the opportunity to write about his experience as a gay black man living with HIV. "Stories from those two perspectives have not been told yet and I would like to ensure that they happen before I die," he said.

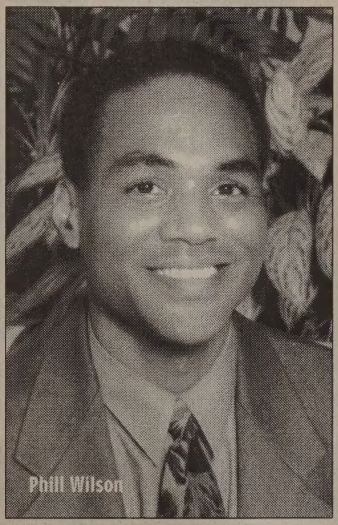
In addition to his work with the National Task Force, Williams, an outspoken advocate and community leader, sits on the board of directors of AIDS service organizations including the Shanti Project, the AIDS Action Council, and the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS, among others. He is also co-chair of the San Francisco Ryan White CARE Planning Council and has been a member of the Burroughs Wellcome Community Advisory Board. Additionally, Williams was featured in Marlon Riggs's documentary *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien (No Regret)* which chronicles the lives of five HIV-positive black gay men.

H. Alexander Robinson, president of the Task Force board of directors noted that Williams "has been a mentor and friend to the black gay and lesbian community" and that a national search is underway to find a suitable replacement for Williams.

Lambda Fund Honors Wilson

LOS ANGELES–Phill Wilson was awarded the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Vision Liberty Award because, according to the group, he "ensured that voices of African-Americans are heard in the struggle for lesbian and gay rights as well as in the fight against AIDS."

After the ceremony Wilson, founder of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum and the current director of public policy at AIDS Project Los Angeles told BLK that he is "sometimes embarrassed by awards because I see what I do as what I'm supposed to do. I'm just doing the right thing. Awards like this speak to how few people are out there doing the right thing."


Phill Wilson

However, he said, the award from Lambda is "special because they provided the legal support for BGLLF to challenge *Essence* magazine over the right to advertise the Forum's conference a couple of years ago." The ad was initially rejected by the magazine, but Lambda prevailed and the ad did eventually run. That win "was a powerful accomplishment for us at the time," said Wilson

Other honorees at the ceremony held at Atlas Bar and Grill were Lorrie Jean, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Los Angeles; Hedges & Caldwell, the Los Angeles law firm which houses Lambda's West Coast office; and the San Diego-based Military Law Task Force.

160 Lesbians at Nia 'Gathering'

SAUSALITO, Calif.–Nearly 160 black lesbians made the journey to the Marin Headlands Institute last November for the sixth annual weekend of smiles, hugs, laughs, tears, caring and sharing that has come to be known as the Nia Gathering.

Sponsored by the Nia Collective, a group of African-American women based in Oakland, this year's Gathering was designed around the theme "Celebrating Our Lives: Passing It On, Sister to Sister." Nia's stated goals are to sponsor the annual Gathering and to initiate a supportive network for black lesbians.

The weekend was comprised of workshops, discussions, performances and demonstrations. A number of crafts were made available for sale including artwork, jewelry, T-shirts and specialty cards.

Plans Afoot for Black Pride Day

WASHINGTON–With Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day for 1993 a distant memory, plans are underway for the 1994 event. Nearly 4,000 people from as far away as New York, Georgia and California participated.

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly had declared "May 27-31 1993 as Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Week," and made an appearance at the Memorial Day weekend.

The variety of activities not only helped raise nearly $20,000 for black lesbian, gay and AIDS organizations,

but helped foster a sense of pride within the district's black lesbian and gay community, and served as a bridge to connect them with the whole of the African-American community in the nation's capital.

In addition to the political side of the weekend, entertainment of every stripe occured, and awards were presented to a number of community leaders.

Willette Griffin was lauded with a community service award for her efforts at raising money for people with AIDS. Rick Irick was given a community service award for his role as executive producer of the *BGM Talk Show,* actually a rap group aimed at black gay men.

HIV information was a high priority, with a number of community based organizations on hand to evaluate or counsel pride participants.

Concerned Gentlemen Award Grants

LOS ANGELES–Gentlemen Concerned, a non-profit, all-volunteer group of individuals who send out an annual appeal to their network of friends and associates to raise funds for service organizations targeting people of color living with AIDS, has announced that a record $42,000 in grants has been awarded for 1993.

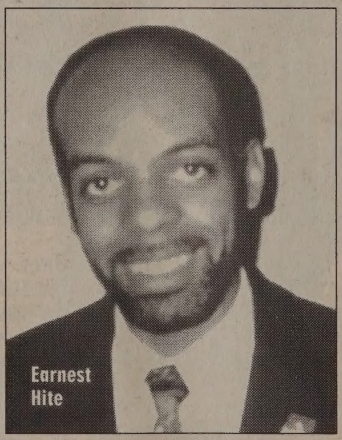
According to Kevin Lyons, the group's new president, grants awarded by the group focus on crucial services that often lack adequate government support such as food and housing services and direct cash assistance.

Grantees and amounts for 1993 were: Minority AIDS Project's Dignity House, $16,000; Rue's House, $8,000; and Caring for Babies with AIDS, $1,000. In addition, direct cash assistance programs at MAP received $9,000; and Aid for AIDS, $3,000. Nutrition services received the balance of the grants: Imani Unidos AIDS Project's food pantry, $4,000; and Project Angel Food's meal on wheels service, $1,000.

Hite, Norman Get $25,000

CHICAGO–Local writer and activist Earnest Hite, Jr. and San Francisco political leader Pat Norman are both among the five winners of the Stonewall Awards for 1993. The $25,000 grants are from the Anderson Prize Foundation of Chicago.

Pat Norman


Earnest Hite

The awards, founded in 1990 through the estate of Paul A. Anderson, are given annually to activists throughout the United States working on Gay and Lesbian causes.

Pat Norman is the executive director of the AIDS Intervention Training Center in San Francisco, and a coordinator for the commemoration of 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. She was recently named woman of the year by the California Legislature, but is probably most known to Californians for her participation in the Family Diversity Media Campaign.

Earnest Hite, Jr., an Illinois native, co-founded Image Plus to reach out to young African-American Lesbians and Gays, and developed with other groups a plan to educate Black Gay Men in Chicago about AIDS and safe-sex education materials. The $25,000 grant, which recipients may use in any manner they wish, will be used for the Image Plus programs and support.

Deaths Called Murder, Suicide

ATLANTA–The black lesbian and gay community of Atlanta was shaken to the core by the deaths of Venus Landin and her former lover Bisa Niambi in a murder-suicide last March.

Venus Landin, co-chair of the African-American Lesbian and Gay Alliance, was the second leader of that organization to be murdered in a 16 month period.

The 31-year-old activist was a well rounded athlete, a respected representative of the black lesbian and gay community at non-gay functions such as the Atlanta Coalition of African Descent, and the mother of a 12-year-old son.

In August of 1992, Landin went to work for Sevananda Natural Foods Coop, where she met fellow employee Bisa Niambi. In November of that same year, the two women moved in together, only to separate three months later.

On Feb. 8, Niambi smashed Landin's television and VCR, slashed a sofa and clothes, and started a fire which destroyed property belonging to Landin. Then Landin's truck was stolen from the parking lot where they both worked. On Feb. 15, Niambi set fire again to Landin's possessions, five times in different sections of the house; a trial date from the first incident a week prior was already set for March 25.

Settled in her new apartment in suburban Decatur, Niambi invited

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Landin over, promising financial restitution for the damage to her possessions. Not suspecting any threat to her safety, and concerned that Bisa might leave the city without paying her, Venus went on the evening of March 2.

Investigator Wesley Harris of the Decatur Police ways, however, that Bisa had already planned to murder Venus before the invitation was extended. A friend was asked to look after Bisa's five year old daughter until 10 o'clock, when several other friends were set to come by. "There was no evidence they had been fighting," stated Det. Harris. "We believe she came up behind her and shot her."

Landin was shot three times in the back at about 9:40 p.m., then Bisa shot herself.

AALGA co-chair Duncan Teague, who survives Landin as head of the largest and most influential black gay and lesbian organization in the southern United States, said the African-American community had lost a leader, and as for the whole of the lesbian and gay community, "I don't know if they can fathom what they have lost."

3rd Annual ULOAH Retreat Attracts 135

MALIBU–"Love Always, Your Sister" was the theme of the third annual Sistahfest sponsored by United Lesbians of African Heritage Oct. 1-3. The festival was attended by 135 lesbians of the African diaspora from all over California, Arizona and as far away as Missouri.

With a secluded, scenic cove in the Malibu foothills as its setting, the festival included seminars on topics such as bisexuals, astrology, spirituality, the dating game and singles. Sporting activities included swimming, flag football, basketball and ping-pong.

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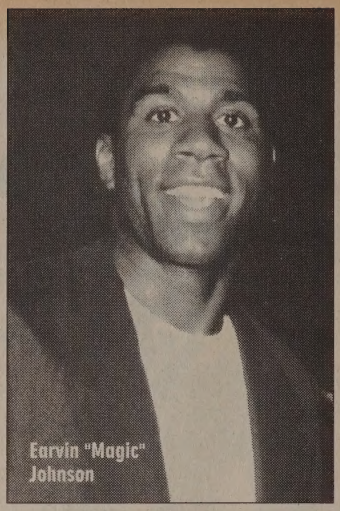

Earvin "Magic" Johnson

Johnson Settles HIV Lawsuit

KALAMAZOO, Mich.–Retired Los Angeles Laker Earvin "Magic" Johnson has reached an out-of-court settlement with a Michigan woman who claims the former basketball star infected her with HIV.

U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen agreed to dismiss the suit after receiving a document signed by Johnson and plaintiff Waymer Moore of Lansing that they no longer want to pursue the case. Details of the settlement were not released.

The trial was scheduled to begin in March but the case has already generated a few highly publicized rulings as Moore's lawyers sought Johnson's medical records, the names of women he had slept with between 1982 and 1990 and the names of others who claimed Johnson infected them with HIV.

The most recent decision was a May 13 ruling that made Moore's name public. Until then, she had been identified only as Jane Doe in court documents. Johnson had also been an anonymous party until he acknowledged on national television that he was the defendent in the case.

Johnson admitted to a single sexual liason with Moore, an old friend, in June of 1990. She said in her $2 million suit, filed Oct. 30, 1992, that Johnson either knew he was infected with HIV or should have been aware that he was at risk because of his promiscuous lifestyle.

'Gay Rights' Video Targets Black Right

ANAHEIM, Calif.–With the release of a new video entitled *Gay Rights, Special Rights* specifically targeted to conservative black viewers, the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) is courting a new ally in its campaign against lesbians and gay men. The Traditional Values Coalition is a conservative Christian group headed by anti-gay crusader Rev. Lou Sheldon.

The video opens with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivering his famous "I Have A Dream" speech at Washington's Lincoln Memorial followed by writer Larry Kramer speaking at the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights and Liberation who dreams of a world "where men and women will not be judged by their sexual desires, but by the content of their character."

The video juxtaposes images of white leathermen, radical faeries and bare-chested lesbians–all of which it characterizes as a priviledged group –with barefoot, rural African-Americans. The video implies that the lesbian and gay rights movement is riding on the coattails of the black civil rights movement.

Two of the most prominently featured speakers in *Gay Rights, Special Rights* are Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) and former attorney general Edwin Meese, both of whom have a history of opposing legislation favorable to African-Americans. Lott opposed the Civil Rights Act of 1990, and, as a Congressman in 1981, tried to reverse the ban on tax exemptions for segregated schools. Meese orchestrated the Reagan administration's attempts to dismantle affirmative action.

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NYC Badmen

NYC Badmen (StepSun Music)

Dancehall's increasing acceptance among American record buyers underscores the inevitable marriage between dancehall and hip hop. The release of *NYC Badmen*, on the StepSun Music Entertainment label, further exposes this coalition of reggae rhythms and hardcore hip hop beats.

The project, the brainchild of StepSun owner/CEO Bill Stephney and veteran dancehall producer Bobby Konders, is a compilation featuring eleven of dancehall's most talked about underground artists. The album includes joints from, among others, Supercat, Jr. Demus, Reverend Baddo and Shaggy, who has a solo project on Virgin Records.

The idea behind NYC Badmen was to bring back the sound that started in the Bronx, where DJ Kool Herc arrived from Jamaica in 1967. Although the Bronx was already caught up in block parties in which MCs competed with each other to move the crowd, Jamaican music had much in common with the infancy of hip hop. As strong voices of the disenfranchised underclass, reggae and rap had already begun to create a dialog between Africans from the Caribbean and Africans from America.

Stephney was the marketing genius behind such rap acts as LL Cool J, the Beastie Boys and Slick Rick during his tenure as a Def Jam Recording executive. He also worked with Chuck D and producer Hank Shocklee to create the phenomenon that is Public Enemy.

ERIC JOHNSON

Shaggy

According to Stephney, the time is right for a dancehall project with hardcore hip hop energy. He concedes that the popularity of dancehall music was initially driven by the migration of Jamaicans, and others of Caribbean origin, to America.

"Lots of original migrators have kids of record buying age," he says, "and most of these kids grew up listening to hip hop."

Konders, who has his own independent label, Massive B Records, speaks in a quick, matter-of-fact manner when discussing the viability of NYC Badmen.

"Hip hop kids love reggae," he says, "but we wanted to give it more of a ghetto vibe."

In his real world of dancehall/hip hop, the sounds of gunshots and ambulances are very familiar. All songs carry undertones of street politics, and most deal with strong sexual imagery. The reggae sensibility of the music is driven deeper by the intensity of hardcore hip hop beats.

StepSun got involved with the project after hearing the music over and over in the streets of New York. Stephney felt the music needed a more centered marketing effort, encompassing the power of hip hop.

"The record represents a stew; a mixture that is political in presentation, but that also addresses issues such as the violent gun culture in effect from Jamaica to Brooklyn," he says.

The album cover takes this idea a step further: it pictures B-boys in hip hop gear giving much New York attitude in front of a Jamaican restaurant.

"If you think of [the record] as a soundtrack," he continues, "the movie is the streets of Brooklyn."

Initial reaction to NYC Badmen has been strong, with StepSun aiming to maintain street credibility. Burro Banton's "Boom Wa Dis," an underground classic released on a small label three years ago, was chosen as the first single. The track has been exposed via mix shows on New York's Hot 97 and WIOQ in Philadelphia, and has surfaced on reggae/hip hop radio shows in several regions of the country. The video clip, with its pointed barb at right-wing politicians, is approaching heavy rotation on Video Jukebox, and has recently been added to BET's *Rap City*, in addition to several local video outlets. Jr. Demus's "You a Bad Boy," with its sparse, slamming beats, is being culled as the second single.

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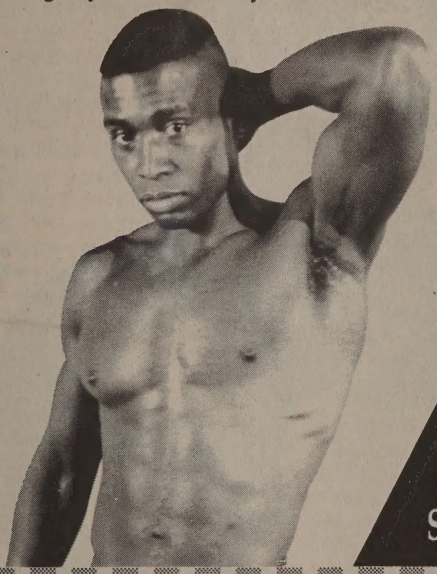

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THEATER

By Don Thomas

"These are exciting times in drama. There is a great hole in the middle of American culture, and new voices from every conceivable group are being heard."

So says George C. Wolfe, one of the most influential voices being heard in American theater today. As the new artistic director of the New York Shakespeare Festival, Wolfe is in the lofty position of determining the direction of theater in the late twentieth century. The NYSF produces the Public Theater, arguably the most prominent theater company in America. Wolfe hopes to bring to the theater a rich mix of work that will accurately reflect the widely diverse cultural perspectives which abound.

"There's no such thing as mainstream anymore," he says.

Even without his position at the Shakespeare Festival, Wolfe's would still be one of the hottest names on Broadway, having won a Tony for his direction of *Angels in America*, the most in-your-face play on gay life and AIDS to hit the Great White Way. With that coup, Wolfe became the first African-American to receive the award for directing what is not classified as a "black-themed play."

Angels in America, the seven-and-a-half-hour AIDS parable is being presented in two parts. The first play, Millennium Approaches, opened on Broadway to spectacular reviews and a ton of awards last spring. In addition to Wolfe's, and three other Tonys, it's won five Drama Desk Awards, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, and the Pulitzer Prize for drama. Perestroika, the second full length play, opened to more rave notices in November.

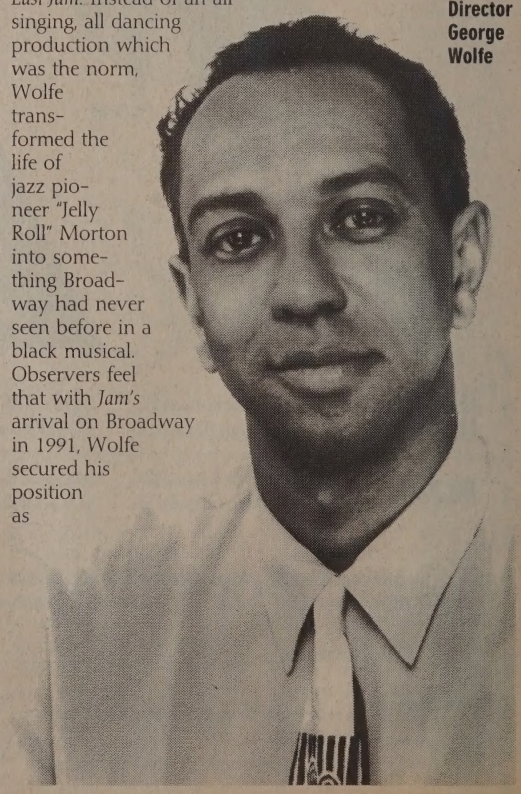
Wolfe has ascended to the front ranks of theater in a relatively short time. After studying theater at Pomona College, he worked for awhile at the Inner City Cultural Center in Los Angeles, but bolted for New York in 1979 with dreams of Broadway success.

His breakthrough work as a writer and director was *The Colored Museum* in 1986. It was first staged at the Crossroads Theater in New Jersey, and played the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles before going to the Public Theater and then on to London's West End. This smash hit on African-American stereotypes earned him kudos on both coasts and Wolfe was named an artistic associate by the festival's founder, the late Joseph Papp. Since then, Wolfe has worked to bring new talent to the Public Theater, earning him a reputation as a sound commercial investment in a recession-hit era.

The Colored Museum was followed by *Spunk*, a reverential adaptation of three Zora Neale Hurston stories, which won an Off-Broadway Obie award for Wolfe's direction. Hailing from Frankfort, Kentucky, Wolfe was able to draw upon his own heritage and recollections of an elegant black southern culture in adapting Hurston's stories for the stage. The consummate New York sophisticate gives much credit to the no-nonsense segregated schooling of his childhood. He was steeled for the onslaught that was to come by already having a strong sense and belief in his abilities.

And then came *Jelly's Last Jam*. Instead of an all singing, all dancing production which was the norm, Wolfe transformed the life of jazz pioneer "Jelly Roll" Morton into something Broadway had never seen before in a black musical. Observers feel that with *Jam's* arrival on Broadway in 1991, Wolfe secured his position as the architect for the future of American theater. He also received Tony nominations for both writing and directing the musical.

Wolfe's sentimental adaptation of *Spunk* showed some of the appreciation for black southern life that still glows just under the urbane surface of this acclaimed artist's life. His responsibility at the helm of America's foremost theater, and his position as one of the foremost blacks in the arts, are testament to how well young Wolfe minded his lessons in Kentucky.



Director George Wolfe

BLK TEA

By Preston E. Guider

You know high camp has become fashionable again when **Diana Ross** is pictured on her new book and album cover simulating a drag queen pose (talk about life imitating art imitating kitsch!) at the same time that transvestite hookers-of-color working the streets of WeHo have got tour guides re-routing their customers from BevHills to take in the free nightly promenade of chiffon (especially that **RuPaul** lookalike sporting dazzey duks and thigh-high dominatrix boots. We just *love* her)... But, we ask you, just who *is* **Missy Carmichael?** Well, we thought we might glimpse the elusive Missy C. on Thanksgiving pm at **Club 6655**, but when the management allegedly failed to forestall or fix a scheduling snafu, we hear Missy jumped into her limo and fled into the night. Word is she may not re-surface until her next scheduled appearance at Chicago's **Club Vortex** sometime in late January...Love to love you, babe: **Donna Summer**, the disco diva who worked hard for her money in the '70s and tumbled from gay grace in the '80s after she got religion and it got her to making homophobic remarks, is trying to work it again, this time as a *country* crooner. Inspired by **Dolly Parton**'s reworking of a Summer hit, Donna's in Tennessee now two-steppin' while all of Nashville fiddles.

Which is just as well since her efforts to re-ingratiate herself with the gay community have led her to raise money for AmFar, instead of for any AIDS agencies which have a better track record of serving people of color...

Joan Jett Blakk, that madcap drag diva who relocated to the Bay Area from Chicago, entertained the folks at a kick-off party for the new drag-mag *Girlfriend!* Joan's dragumentary, *Lick Bush in '92*, is out and records for posterity her *camp*aign for the presidency...It's a disgrace to the race: We're talkin' about **Whitney Houston**'s truly tired outfits at the *Billboard* Music Awards, but **Brian McKnight** looked too cute when he accepted his award for Best Duet sans **Vanessa Williams**... From the Biting The Hand That Feeds You file: Who is the white pornographer who disses black folk every chance he gets now that he's made a fortune filming black gay men...

Princess Di look out: Now that Uganda's parliament has officially reinstated its four tribal monarchies, the ex-model/actress/lawyer/diplomat **Elizabeth Bagaaya,** whom **Jackie O.** befriended and **Idi Amin** tried to marry, is once again being addressed as the *Princess Royal of Toro*...Brothers are seeking high, low and afar for lovers these days: While some, such as AIDS activists **Reggie Williams**, **Chris Bates** and **Gavin Morrow-Hall** have found their true hearts's love in Europe, others are taking the midnight train to Georgia, including **Dr. John Peterson** and **Carlton Youngblood** of California. Uh, guys, check *us* out, will ya?...

The media tried to keep hope alive for the guilty couple for months after the notorious "blackface" roast: "**Ted** Still Makin' **Whoopi,**" the headlines proclaimed. *NOT!* What this fiasco should have taught Hollywood is that cultural humor requires a cultural context. Whoopi, if you want to make jokes about the pain of black history, well, that *could* be healing, but you gotta leave your white boyfriend and his pale pals at home. Better yet, come on home yourself. Otherwise you become the butt of racist humor like that of right-wing talkshow host **Rush Limbaugh**, who ridiculed Ted Danson for dating Goldberg, implying that she was too homely for the white leading man, although somebody outta tell Limbaugh himself that he's way too obese to lampoon anyone else's looks...

We just don't get it: Why would folks believe that a 35-year-old man who gave himself Pinocchio's nose, dodged puberty, wears tendrils, lives in Never-Neverland and who has, in effect, turned himself into a male doll would *not* get into weird relationships with boys? Yes **Michael Jackson** is a mess. But he's the mess we've made him–by idolizing, enriching, flattering, excusing and fetishizing him from his earliest childhood until now. We gave him stardom in lieu of his childhood. Now that he's got everything else, is it any wonder he wants it back? If power corrupts, fame maddens. But fame denied does worse. Look at **LaToya,** whose envious rantings against her family only **Bryant Gumbel** of the *Today Show* has had the balls to call what they are: pathetic...D.C. scenes of sorrow and joy: **Stephen Endean**, who founded the Gay Rights

BLK VEIL

CHARLES E. BARNEY, died April 23, 1992, in Brooklyn as reported in the *Center Voice.* Barney was the receptionist at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York for nearly six years. He is survived by four brothers, a sister and many family friends and relatives.

HYLAND BODDIE JR., 35, died Sept. 8, 1992, of AIDS related complications according to the *Washington Blade.* Boddie, originally from Cleveland, finished his early education there and went on to study at Ohio State University. Singing baritone, he performed with Scarlet and Gray. After college, Boddie had the opportunity to sing at the Grand Ole Opry where he was the soloist in the Showboat Revue. In 1983, after serving in the Navy, Boddie moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked in the food service industry. He is survived by Keith Parrish, his close friend of nine years.

OSCAR "OB" BROWN, born Jan. 11, 1947, died peacefully while at his family home in Strawberry Plains, Tenn. on Nov. 17, 1991. He had lived many years in the Bay Area, where he is remembered by many friends.

WILLIE BROWN, died July 29, 1992, of AIDS related complications according to the *Washington Blade.* A graduate of Tuskegee with a B.S. in elementary education, Brown taught elementary school for a stint. In 1978, he joined the U.S. Peace Corps and served in Grenada until 1980. Until his death, Brown worked as a loan specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was 39.

E. KITCH CHILDS died in her sleep on Jan. 10, 1993 in Amsterdam, Holland, presumably of natural causes complicated by hypertension. Kitsch recieved her B.S. in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh while still in her teens. After serving in the U.S. Navy, she received a Masters and Ph.D. from the Universtiy of Chicago. She was a founding member of both the Association for Women in Psychology and the University of Chicago Gay Liberation. She toured Europe as a member of the Chorus of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra; she established herself as a respected clinical psyhologist in both Chicago and the Bay Area. Her most recent published work was a chapter in *Feminist Ethics in Psychotherapy* entitled "Therapy, Feminist Ethics and the Community of Color with Particular Emphasis on the Treatment of Black Women." Memorials were held for Childs in Berkeley, Chicago, Paris, Amsterdam and Atlanta.

MICHAEL ANTHONY "MIKOLAS" CREWS died of complications from AIDS on Jan. 17, 1993 in Montgomery, Ala. Born Sept. 9, 1960 in Pinkard, Ala., Crews served in the U.S. Navy before arriving in Los Angeles where he founded All Colors Productions. Crews wrote and directed two plays, *Dreams of Better Days* and *Little White Lies.* He was also an actor, dancer and choreographer. He is survived by his companion Guy Elliffe, his mother, eleven brothers and sisters and many other friends and relatives.

JEFF DABBS, born Sept. 7, 1955, died April 25, 1992, as reported in *This Week in Texas.* He was 37. Dabbs received his degree from Texas A&M. He is survived by his father, mother 11 brothers and sisters and many friends.

WILLIS E. (SONNY) DAVIS, born Dec. 3, 1955, died Sept. 3, 1992, of AIDS related complications as reported in the *New Voice.* A graduate of Texas Tech University, Davis studied economics and was degreed with a B.A. and an M.B.A. in finance. In 1986 he received his J.D. from South Texas College of Law. Moving to Washington, D.C. in 1986, he earned a masters in library science in 1989 and worked for various law firms until his retirement. He is survived by his companion, Bruce Bone; his parents and two sisters.

GARY DeLOATCH, a principal dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, died April 2, 1992, in New York City. The dance company said that DeLoatch had suffered from a long illness. Deloatch, 40, was a native of Philadelphia. He was a gymnast in high school, training for dance at the Settlement School of Music before going to New York, where he trained with the Dance Theater of Harlem. Joining the Ailey Dance Company in 1978 first as a rehearsal director, DeLoatch soon performed his first solo ballet, *Research,* in 1983. DeLoatch is survived by his companion, Stephen Smith; his mother; two sisters and a brother.

KLIPHE "LEGGS GALORE" GILLARD, West Indian born and Ohio reared, passed away in his adopted home of Australia on Feb. 6, 1993 from HIV-related illness. Gillard was a performer and activist known throughout Sydney as "Leggs Galore." Tireless and vibrant, Gillard is remembered by those who knew him with great fondness and a smile.

ROY GONSALVES, 33, died in his hometown of Boston on July 10, 1993 of AIDS. A prolific writer and literary performance artist whose work explored AIDS, alcohol and addiction, Gonsalves was the author of two books, *Evening Sunshine* and *Perversions.* His writings have been published in numerous magazines and anthologies including *Essence, Other Countries,* and *The Road Before Us: 100 Black Gay Poets.* Gonsalves was founder and editor of the *Pyramid Poetry Periodical* and was the managing poetry editor of *Other Countries* journal. Shortly before his death, Gonsalves was the recipient of the Bessie Smith Award for Creativity by the Greater Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance. Surviving are his parents, three brothers, two sisters and other relatives. Memorial services were held in Boston and at Center of the Rainbow.

MAURY ANTHONY HARRIS, born Oct. 6, 1963, died Sept. 5, 1991, as reported in *Etc.*

VINCENT C. HEFLIN, born Feb. 13, 1966, died May 30, 1992, in Milwaukee as reported by *In Step.* Heflin was a volunteer for MLGPC and also a Mass Pageant Productions Committee member.

FRED HILLIARD, died Aug. 11, 1992, of kidney failure as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter.* Born Oct. 19, 1927, in New Jersey, Hilliard moved to California in the 50s. A member of the Professional Nursing Association of San Francisco, he worked for the University of California Medical Center before going into private practice. Elected as the Ninth Empress of San Francisco in 1974, he was the first African-American to hold that title. Hilliard, who was also known as Freida, served in a number of offices as a member of the Tavern Guild.

HERBERT HUNTER, died Aug. 12, 1992, of AIDS related complications as reported in the *Washington Blade.* A graduate of Virginia State University, Hunter earned a degree in library science. He was a member of the Concert and Gospel Choirs at the university. For a few years he worked as library technician at Howard University. The Omicron Eta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., awarded him Brother of the Year. Hunter was also alumni adviser to the Nu Beta Chapter of his fraternity. He volunteered for Martha's Table as well.

RICHARD HYDE, died July 14, 1992, of complications associated with AIDS as reported in the *Washington Blade.* Hyde served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in many parts of Europe. Honorably discharged in 1985, he moved to D.C., where he worked for the American Bar Association from 1988 until 1991. Hyde moved to California and finally to San Antonio. He is survived by his father and seven brothers and sisters.

BILLY LEE JEFFERSON, died April 12, 1993 at his home in Seattle, Wash. from complications resulting from AIDS. Born Oct. 6, 1945 in San Francisco, Jefferson moved to Washington in the early 1970s. He was the first Mr. Seattle Leather in 1986 and Mr. Seattle National Leather Association in 1990. Jefferson helped develop the "Captain Condom" campaign in 1985, and helped start the Bartenders Against AIDS in Seattle. In 1987, Jefferson began serving on the board of directors of the Northwest AIDS Foundation, where he also volunteered on the education and peer advocacy committees.

LENNY LYONS, died July 13, 1992, of complications associated with AIDS as reported in the *Washington Blade.* From Georgia originally, Lyons served in the army after graduating from high school and moved to Oakland. As a licensed nurse, Lyons worked for various hospitals and the Visiting Nurses Association. In 1990, he moved to D.C., where he volunteered for IMPACT/D.C. Exotic foods, traveling and jazz were some of the things he enjoyed. He is survived by his life partner, Trojeaux Richard.

DEMPSEY JAMES MAPP passed away on March 15, 1992, while in the arms of his lifemate of six years, Daniel Hurst. Born Oct. 13, 1958, James was originally from Detroit. In 1986, after living in Houston for several years, he and Daniel moved to Joliet, Ill. He is survived by his family in Detroit and many friends in Texas, Illinois and Michigan.

SEAN MAURICE MITCHELL, a Virginia native, died Sept. 18, 1992, of AIDS related complications as reported in the *Washington Blade.* Mitchell worked at the Inner City AIDS Network as a peer counselor and educator. He volunteered at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, the D.C. AIDS Information Line and the Gay Men's VD Clinic. He participated in Damian ministries and was a member of the Blessing Hands Outreach Ministry founded by his mother. He was 22.

ERNEST MORGAN, died May 17, 1992, of AIDS related complications at his home in Hawaii, as reported in the *GALOH! Newsletter.* Morgan was a performing artist who loved dance.

GEORGE VICTOR RAY, JR., born in Brooklyn on May 7, 1951, died on July 16, 1992, of AIDS related complications as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter.* He enjoyed travelling, bowling, cooking and dancing.

LUCIUS HOWARD RICHARDSON, JR., passed away Jan. 5, 1993, in Los Angeles, Calif. Born in Baltimore, Md. on Jan 16, 1947, Richardson was a member of the Junior Ushers, a member of the Kay Burke Chancel

Choir and attended the Maryland Institute of Art. After moving to Los Angeles, Richardson joined the West Angeles Church. He was employed as a designer by several Los Angeles area companies, most recently, Lucian Coates. He is survived by his mother, two aunts and a uncle, and many other relatives and friends.

MELVIN G. ROSS, JR., an architect and longtime gay rights activist in Atlanta, passed away June 3, 1993 at his parents home in Charleston, S.C. from complications due to AIDS, as reported in *Etc.* In addition to serving on the board of directors of the National Association of Black and White Men Together, Ross was affiliated with BWMT/Atlanta, AID/Atlanta, Atlanta S/M Solidarity, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gay Men, among others.

DONALD "DANA LAREESE" SIMMONS, born Aug. 5, 1967, died April 16, 1992, according to *Gay Chicago.* Simmons, 24, was a dancer and performer. He is survived by his friend John Manning and his parents.

BERNARD TURNER, San Francisco athlete and organizer, died of AIDS on Feb. 16, 1993. Born in Chicago in 1948, Turner attended Wilbur Wright College, did a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy and lived in Europe before moving to San Francisco. Turner founded the San Francisco Trojans flag football team, was one of the founders of the San Francisco Track and Field Club and helped organize the Gay Games, where he won several gold medals. He was a charter member of Team San Francisco, served on the Board of Directors of the Apex Awards and named to their Hall of Fame.

TONY WARFIELD passed away in San Francisco on March 2, 1992. Born Jan. 31, 1958, he is survived by his lover Nick, as reported in the *Bay Area Reporter.*

DAVID LIGHTFOOT WEEMS, 31, died April 20, 1993 in Baltimore, Md. after a brief illness. An accomplished photographer, his work was published in *BLACKfire, Spade,* and *The Road Before Us.* In his work, Weems always portrayed brothers in an erotic yet proud light. He also created a line of greeting and postcards under the name Weems-Works, and designed brochures and catalogs for many minority, civic and social organizations. Weems is survived by his mother, grandmother, two sisters, one brother and many other relatives and friends.

CHARLES WILLIAM-FORD, 49, died Aug. 10, 1992, of AIDS-related complications as reported in the *Washington Blade.* William-Ford earned degrees in history and philosophy from the University of St. Thomas in 1970 and went on to receive an M.A. in both history and theology from the same Texas university in 1976. Later, he received a degree in nursing from Houston Community College. While pursuing his education, he worked for the Catholic Diocese in Houston from 1967 through 1976. He had once considered priesthood.

DAVID WOODY, 31, died July 28, 1992 of complications associated with AIDS as reported in the *Washington Blade.*

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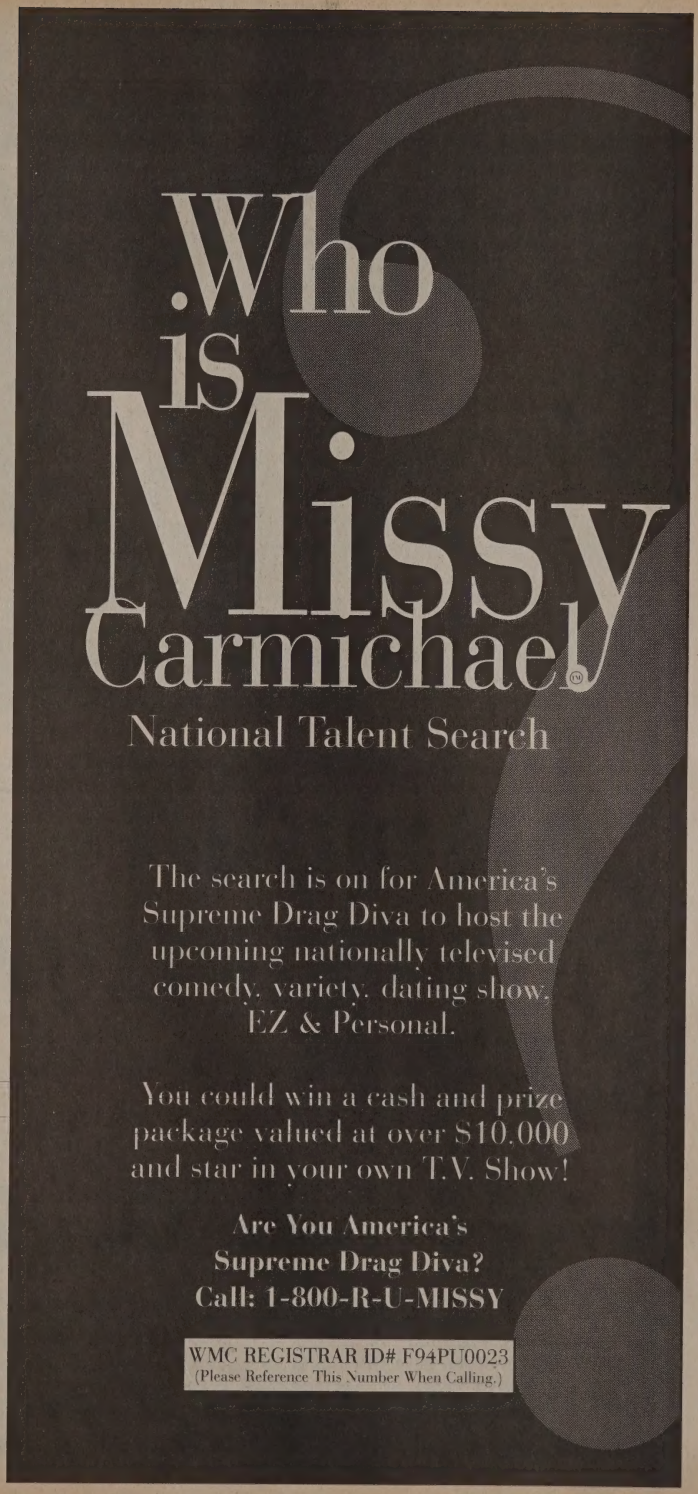

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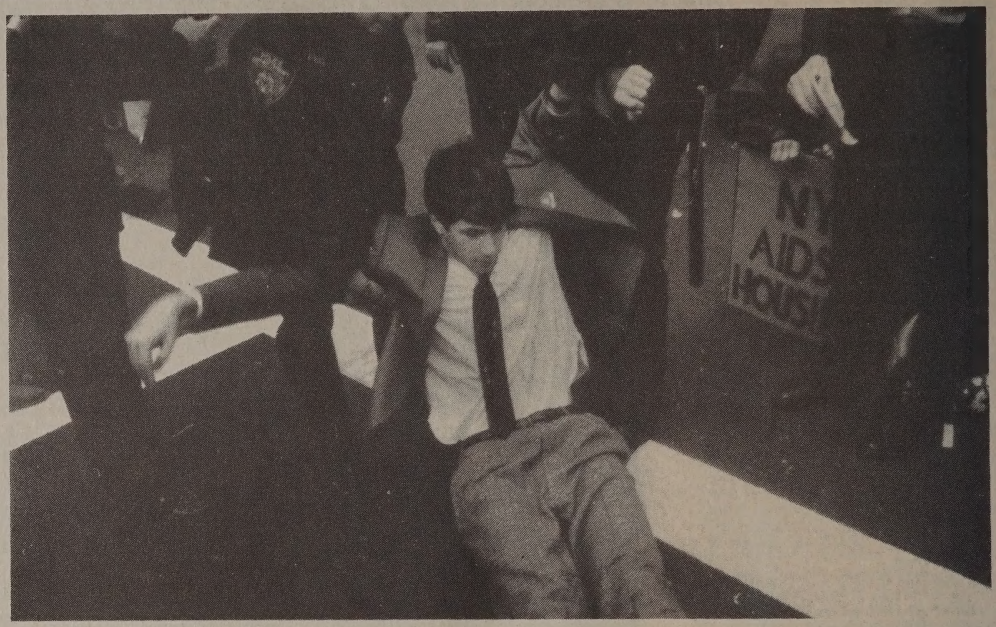

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African-American lesbians vets sought for documentary based on "Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II." Particularly interested in finding lesbians of color who would be willing to tell their stories—in disguise if necessary—for the film. Confidentiality honored. Information 213-254-7773. (38)

AIDS Prevention Team is seeking workshop submission for the Fifth Annual AIDS Institute to be held Feb. 17, 1994 in New York City. All workshop presenters should submit a 2-page abstract detailing work shop and format. Submit workshop proposals to: 1994 AIDS Institute, Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, 1219 S. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90019. Phone 213-964-7820. Fax 213-964-7830. (38)

Submission wanted for collection on Canadian black arts and culture: art criticism, interviews, critical essays, graphics, letters, experimental writing, visual art work, books, art, theories, profiles. Deadline February 1994. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope (or funds to cover postage) to: Karen Augustine, Box 317, Sta. P, Toronto, ON M5S 2S8, Canada. (38)

Essex Hemphill and Ron Simmons are seeking black gay men sixty years of age and older to participate in a nationwide oral history project about black gay life styles in the early 20th century. Contact Essex Hemphill, Evidence of Being, 401 Wilshire Blvd. #700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455; or Ron

Simmons, Evidence of Being, Box 48100, Washington, DC 20002. (38)

The time has come to dispel the image most of America has of people with AIDS. The truth of how we live with AIDS must be told, must be seen. Women, children and people of color encouraged to apply. To submit items or for more information please write: Positives, Box 425897, San Francisco, CA 94142-5897. (38)

Submissions of lesbian and gay poetry are now being accepted for Kuumba #4. Send your work (maximum 5) with an SASE to: Terri L. Jewell and G. Winston James, Editors, Kuumba, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (38)

Sexy black gay male fiction wanted for BLACKfire, a magazine of black gay erotica. Re-live your exploits. Tell of your fantasies. Photos also accepted. Payment upon publication. Send with SASE to Editor, BLACKfire, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. (TF)

Submissions wanted for Multicultural Lesbian Relationships anthology. First person writings, cassettes of dialogues o.k. Can request interview. Some topics of interest: racism within and outside relationship; having/raising children; socializing/friendships; language differences, etc. Contact: Rene Dawson & Terri Jewell, Co-editors, Box 23154, Lansing MI 48909. SASE required with all correspondence. (38)

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Women's Personals

Black gay female, interested in meeting the same. If you have interests such as biking, swimming, outdoor activities, reading or quiet evenings at home leave me a message. Take care. Kimberley. ☎ 3886. (41)

I want to meet you to talk and get together to do some interesting things. I'm new at this, but quite willing. My name is Dee. ☎ 3755. (40)

Black female, 100% gay, Afrocentric lover of soulful music and black gay/straight literature and films, seeks to build close friendship with a sistah. Maria, c/o MUW, Box W301, Columbus, MS 39071. (38)

Single black gay female, interested to meet others to go out with and to get to know new friends. Kim. ☎ 3650. (40)

GBF from Florida: Quiet, sensitive, cerebral, sagittarian. Professional. Avid tender, loves travel. Into new-age thought and spiritual growth seeking like-minded women nationwide for correspondence/friendship let us share! ☎ 3494. ✐ 180. (40)

Men's Personals—International

French white man, 40 years old, 5'11", 160 lbs., built, blond, blue eyes, alone, executive, looking for overmuscled submissive man. Home exchange visit OK. You are welcome to France. Let's transcend the ordinary. Bernard Lambotin, 1 Domaine du Pas de Courtin, 83230 Bormes les Mimosas, France. (38)

Black male, 34, seeks pen pals, men and women, 19 and above, from all over. Hobbies include electronics, music, movies, photography, traveling. Seek long lasting friendships. Letters with pictures or photographs are very welcome. Write to Tony Nyanko, Box 314, Takoradi, Ghana. (38)

Men over 18 want contacts for friendship or exchange of visits. Contact: Pierre Castan, Box 2, 30620 Bernis, France. (38)

Mature danish GWM, 5'9", well travelled, seeks a black masculine top man 25-50 years old and well endowed. I am an honest and serious person with a good sense of humor. Romantic and enjoy homelife. Respond: John Holm, Gronnegade 36.2.t.v., 1102 Copenhagen. K. Denmark. (38)

Beautiful African male 24, intelligent independent. Will travel to any point of the world to meet genuine friends. I love the top and aim to please. Include photograph. ✐ 178. (38)

Attractive GWM, 25 from Switzerland, seeks BGM in the USA (and other countries) for penpals, friendship. I spend a lot of time in N.Y. and D.C. Into photography, music, travelling, good conversations. If you're serious, write to Marco Carocari, Huegelstr. 8, CH-8002 Zurich Switzerland. Peace. (39)

German GWM seeks BM penpals for exchange of thoughts and dreams age over 30 (I'm 24), facial or chest hair A+. Looking forward to meet one day. Photo = answer. Will be returned if demanded. Do not hesitate! If photo not available, no problem. All will be answered. I'm a writaholic. Send your letters to R. Newmann, Belziger Str. 20, 1000 Berlin 62, Germany. Soon! (40)

Attractive young blond Dutch male, looking for handsome black men for friendship, pen pals and fun. Write to Ton Verhees, Van Hilligaert Straat 286, 1072 PN, Amsterdam, Holland. You won't be disappointed! (38)

Aussie koala bear, 34, bottom, into B&D, S&M and more, wishes to correspond with GBM top into this and more. Age, looks aren't important; imagination and stamina are. Would also like to hear from GBM bottoms into the same. Cum on guys. Greg, Box 2361, Sydney NSW, Australia 2001. (38)

Men's Personals—AL

Stocky brunettes wanted in Birmingham. MDC, 16th Ave., North Birmingham, AL 35204. (34)

Men's Personals—AK

GBM, 27, 5'10", 170 lbs. muscular, handsome, sincere, humourous seeks intelligent handsome men for correspondence. Your photo gets mine. Occupant, Box 3312, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (38)

Men's Personals—AZ

GWM, 45, 5'10", 180, into music, plays, theater, looking for GBM, age 35-55. Lee. ☎ 3577. (40)

Men's Personals—CA Northern California

Lean, sexy, BM, 150 lbs., 5'8", 22, smooth swimmers build, cute homeboyish, looking for attractive black or Latino, well-hung, in-shape, 25-35, versatile, for friendship and hot sex.☎ 3869. (41)

Attractive Los Angeles GWM, 37, 5'10", 160, hairy, seeks reciprocal visits with San Francisco men. Open-minded, genuine, adventurous, slightly kinky but sane. Enjoys travelling. If you do too, cum visit. ☎ 3777. (40)

Black male, 43, 5'11", 140#, excellent condition, smooth dancer's body, seeks top black or Latin male, into toys and long heated sessions. Uncut is a +. Me: 9½", you 7"+. Bubbling brown sugar. ✐ 196. (39)

Built, goodlooking, masculine, white man wants to get it on with a big black man who likes to be on top. I'm 6 ft., 200 lbs, muscular, hairy chest, nice smooth bubble butt. I'll do you right! 408-450-2410. ☎ 3474. (40)

No sex please—not on the first date. Distinguished GWM writer, 50ish, looking for chums and possible relationship with romantic GBM under 40. Richard 415-552-2706. (38)

GBM, 41, 6', 185, seeks friendship/relationship with drug-free GM. Send photo with letter (if possible). ✐ 176. (39)

GBM, 36, 5'11", 155, seeks BM, 28-40 for friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy romantic evenings, movies, theater, committed monogamous relationship. Wayne. ☎ 3473. (39)

Attractive GBM, 26, 5'10", 165#, looking for attractive Latino or GBM in the East Bay area. Masculine, versatile Latino or GBM need apply. Photo and phone # a must. ☎ 3335. (38)

GWM, 30, 5'8", top seeks bottom, San Francisco area, Robert. ☎ 3120. (38)

San Francisco BM, 25, 5'10", 160, looking for guys, any race, to date. HIV status doesn't matter, personality does. Jonathan. ☎ 3415. (39)

Black male 43, 5'11" 140 lbs. Excellent condition. Dancer bod. Smooth. Seeks top black or Latin male into toys and long heated sessions. Uncut is a +. Me 9½ inches. You 7 inches +. Bubbling brown sugar. ✐ 200. (39)

Bay Area GM, seeks single BM, 20-35. Robert. ☎ 3366. (38)

What's up? Mike, 27, 5'7", 162, goodlooking, medium brown complexion, seeks muscular, nice equipped BM. Peace. ☎ 3303. (38)

GBM, 25, 5'10", 160, nice bod, seeks any race 18+ for pool at the Pendulum. Jessie. ☎ 3126. (38)

BGM, 36, 5'11", 155, romantic and mature, looking for BM 28-40 for friendship and monogamous relationship. ☎ 3318. (38)

Psychic? Paranormal experienoe? Me too; let's talk. Louis: 415-474-5377. (38)

BM, 25 y/o, well end, stays on top all night. Loves to be sucked by all ages, all nationalities. ☎ 3371. (38)

GBM, HIV+, healthy, 5'6", 37, warm, loving and extremely affectionate. I'm seeking a serious 1-on-1 partner who enjoys romance, bike-riding, theatre, and quiet evenings. ☎ 3349. ✐ 168. (38)

San Diego Area

Black male, 32, 165 lbs., bottom, looking for top white male or Hispanic. I'm in a relationship looking for someone for a three-way or one-on-one with me. Thomas. ☎ 3763. (40)

GWM, 35, 6'2", 230 lbs., muscular, handsome, well-hung, looking for tall, dark, handsome, African/American man with a big heart and dick. Willing to relocate. Charlie. ☎ 3785. (40)

Goodlooking, masculine, BM, 6'6", 31, light-skin top man, professional, seeks GBM, 25-40, professional, masculine, muscular, into sports, movies, theater, possible relationship. (If into tennis and baseball a +). ☎ 3687. (40)

Attractive 39-year-old black male, bottom. AF/PG. Discrete enjoy traveling, reading, good conversation seeking the perfect top that is masculine, drug free, health conscious for good times, and romantic nights. ☎ 3480. ✐ 177. (40)

GM, 24, 6', br/br, looking to meet other guys in San Diego area. Enjoy movies, conversation and dancing. Brian. ☎ 3594. (40)

J.J., 38, 5'11", 185, masculine, brown complected, smooth skin, bottom seeks a masculine romantic top who is black, Hispanic or Arabian for 1-to-1 relationship. ☎ 3421. (40)

Goodlooking, masculine, discreet, BM, 38, 5'11", 185, many interests, bottom, brown complexion, soft baby skin, seeks masculine top man of color for friendship/relationship. Jay Jay, Costa Mesa, CA. ☎ 3422. (39)

WM, 42, with long tongue and rim chairs seeks BM with bubble butt! Write to Box 1880, Cathedral City, CA 92235. (42)

Attractive black male 39, active French, passive Greek, seeks intelligent, hung top stud for serious relationship and fun. 619-521-1341. (40)

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Los Angeles Area

Yo. What's up fellas? I'm 5'8", 150, dark brown, bald-headed, hairy, nice slender build, in-shape and I hope you are too. I've got it going on. Leave a message and let's see if you do too. Andre. ☎3839. (41)

I'm looking for a very rich person. Leave me a name and number. You won't be disappointed. Jaboola. ☎ 3858. (41)

Versatile BM, 27, 5'7", 160, seeking another versatile BM, 27-35 for casual sex. If you're down with it, leave a message. Christopher. ☎ 3862. (41)

Handsome, brown skin, 35, 5'8", 180, fairly in-shape and working on it. Looking for a sincere masculine BM who's not about a bunch of bullshit. Long Beach area. Dino. ☎ 3904. (41)

6'1", 180 lbs. I work out and have a nice body. I'm down to earth, sexy, versatile top and bottom. Leave me a message, homeboys. This is K.D. ☎ 3028. (41)

African-American, 6'2", dark-complexioned, seeking African-American male, 28-40, that's got it going on. I want to hang out, go to movies, walk the beach, run the streets with you. Keep smiling. ☎ 3890. (41)

Masculine, muscular bodybuilder, goodlooking, 5'10", 190 tight pounds, 40, white bottom, dark hair, 48" chest, 17" arms, 32" waist, tight bubble-butt, deep throat. Seek very aggresive, dominate, very well-hung, masculine, bodybuilder top to be worshipped. Keith. ☎3892. (41)

BM, 5'11", 195 lbs., muscular top man looking for sexy black bottom whose into fun inside. Jay. ☎ 3893. (41)

GWM, 27, 5'10", 160 lbs., workout, dark hair, green eyes, seek masculine black hung top who wants to kick back and be serviced or use me as their bottom. Steve. ☎ 3867. (41)

GBM, 35, 5'9", 160 lbs., attractive, top, hung 10" seek that special guy who is a bottom, intelligent, attractive has a job. I'm not interested in a ralationship, but I am looking for goodtimes. You should have a nice round butt. Jeffrey. ☎ 3875. (41)

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Hi. I'm Lee, 5'11", 168#, masculine. Looking for masculine B/M. Want to get busy with serious brothers only. ☎ 3840. (40)

Black male, 6', 155, 34, moustache, swimmer's build. Seeks muscular type, but not a must, for friend, J/O, 30-50, no drugs, fems or fats. Your place. Robert, Box 1188, South Gate, CA 90280. Thanks. (38)

Easygoing GBM, 31, 6'4", 235, professional seeking gay man to 40 and over 6 feet. Write Box 48532, Los Angeles, CA 90048. (41)

BM, 30 y.o., 6', 180 lbs., work out with weights. Looking for BM or Latino who also works out, who enjoys movies and man stuff. Jerry. ☎ 3788. (40)

This exotic, eclectic, decidely Afrocentric brother is on a mission to find a G, as in thang, who is fly, intelligent, packing, strong, in other words...all that. I'm 5'9½" and fly. ☎ 3789. (40)

Hot black 40 y.o. seeks romantic, intellectual, spiritual, sexual stimulation. You be masculine, sincere, decent, fun-loving, affectionate, possible relationship. ☎ 3793. (40)

Yo Yo Yo. What's up homeboys? Juan, 6'2", dark brown eyes, black hair, moderately hairy, college student, 24, very masculine, track and field. Peace, brother man. ☎ 3797. (40)

Mexican-American, 42, 5'8", 220 lbs., goodlooking, intellectual, adventurous, masculine, looking for friends for movies, concerts, cooking, travel, good times, any race, 33-45. Matthew. ☎ 3798. (40)

Black male, 30, 5'9", 160 lbs., light brown, hazel eyes, moustache, attractive, top, hung 10", looking for black male with toned bodies. Let's get together. Edward. ☎ 3804. (40)

Honest, 31, 5'2", 134, HIV-, Herpes+, looking for men who are open, understanding and really do care. Ricky. ☎ 3722. (40)

Dark skinned, 5'9½", 185, chunky, muscular, gym, no drugs or smoke. You should be masculine, well hung 10" or more, to kick it with and have a good time. Keith. ☎ 3774. (40)

Whats up, boyz? I'm not looking for romance or a relationship, I've already got that. What I'm looking for is good safe sex. My lover and I like to get together with other goodlooking black men like us. We'd like you to come visit our bedroom. ☎ 3779. (40)

Black/Filipino/Hispanic, 26, 5'10", 155 lbs., 7" uncut, looking for friend. John. ☎ 3783. (40)

Latino, 32, 5'11", 185 lbs., looking to get together to play around with some black men. I'm 100% top. Rico. ☎ 3822. (40)

Nope, you're wrong, there's one left. Very attractive, affectionate, mixed BM, 21, 5'9", 250#, seeks attractive, straight acting, BM 21-29 for friendship with foundation for relationship. Your photo gets mine. ☎ 3737. 🖉 193. (40)

Chinese-Filipino, 5'5", Ph.D. scholar at USC, looks like an undergrad, smooth-skinned, HIV-, husky, with a very handsome face. I love to receive head. Possible relationship OK. Antonio. ☎ 3775. 🖉 199. (40)

WM, 40+, 5'10", 185#, brown eyes, salt and pepper hair and beard, professional, seeks good looking, mature, honest, and sincere BM for fun and possible relationship. Enjoy the beach and mountains. ☎ 3772. 🖉 197 (40)

BM, 25, HIV+, nice, smooth, versatile body with nice ass and soft lips, moving to Los Angeles in October, wants guys/couples, any race, for sex/friendship. ☎ 3762. 🖉 198. (40)

WM, 28, handsome, 32" waist, 42" chest, black hair, brown eyes. 170, muscular, smooth, looking for big BM with a huge piece who will have me on my knees servicing. ☎ 3661. (40)

WM, 34, 6', 168 lbs., trim body, short brown hair, big mustache, hazel eyes, 8", West Hollywood area. Looking for handsome men to 40 with trim bodies. Muscles a +. I'm versatile and definitely very oral. Joe. ☎ 3710. (40)

Mixed black/Mexican, hot, 37, 5'9", 150#, 81/2", dark skin, curly hair, seeks man who is versatile and likes to get down and do anything. I like big dicks to service. Larry. ☎ 3711. (40)

GM, 35, 5'10", medium brown complexion, hazel eyes, attractive, intellectual, spiritual, looking for romance. Let's talk and then take it from there..Dwayne. ☎ 3667. (40)

African-American, 28, 5'7", alluring, sexy, masculine, toned body. I love movies, photography and the creative arts. I'm in search of a goodlooking serious minded black man who I can spend quality time with. Mark. ☎ 3669. (40)

Hello, brothers. I'm T. I just like to go get busy. If you'd like to also, leave a message and I'll get back with you. ☎ 3703. (40)

Sexy healthy black man desired by GL blond GWM. Object: your pleasure. Black and white together is best. Call or write me. You'll enjoy. Alex. ☎ 3316. (40)

Mexican, 40, bottom, seeks well-endowed black man for talk and whatever. Francisco. ☎ 3670. (40)

Dark-skinned bottom looking for that special top. I'm Stefan, 37, goodlooking, 5'8", nice gym build. You should be taller (6'+), well endowed and enjoy movies, beach and spending time with me. ☎ 3673. (40)

Fat, fast and fabulous GWM, 31, 6', 285 pounds, blond/blue, built like John Candy but looks much better, lives in Silverlake. I'm looking for a sincere, honest, romantic, warm man. I'm G/P, F A/P. Baby's got back! ☎ 3675. (40)

Congo-born European, goodlooking, with green-blue eyes, 33, 5'10", 175, muscular, nice butt, discreet, safe, seeks intelligent, tall, huge, very muscular black bodybuilder over 200 lbs. for friendship. ☎ 3668. (40)

GBM, 30, 5'8", 165, light-skin, top man, HIV negative, looking to meet other GBM for lover or friends. Good looking A plus. Let's hook up. Jeff. ☎ 3555. 🖉 183. (40)

Wanted: Horny healthy black man by blond GWM. Needed: Your black cock and butt. Alex. 818-896-8890. (39)

Goodlooking, GBM seeks Latin or Asian, 25-40. We are both intelligent, creative. No drugs, alcohol, smokers. Not looking for straight acting; your masculinity is natural. You aren't looking for a rice queen, a daddy, or a big black buck, but a peer to converse with, have coffee, dance, and...? 🖉 189. (40)

Sexy, black male, 20 years old, straight-acting, seeking same, masculine, not N 2 club scene, 18-30, homies possible. ☎ 3683. (40)

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Masculine black male, 35, 6', 190, mostly bottom, seeks big, 6'+, 200+, masculine non-American black/Latino male for companionship, conversation and safe fun. No hard drugs/alcohol. ☎ 3566. 🖉 184. (40)

Baby's got back! I'm a GWM, 34, 5'11", 185, HIV-, blond/blue, looking for masculine black top into bubble butts. 40s, hunky/ husky a plus. 🖉 185. (39)

BM, 5'11", 170, well endowed, HIV neg., seeks tall black horny bottom into safe sex and bodybuilding. Robert. 🖉 186. (38)

Afrocentric male seeks sincere hue-man of African descent, who's melanin skin is soft to touch, sensual to smell, erotic to see and passionate to taste. ☎ 3610. 🖉 187. (40)

GWM, caring, artist, overweight, decent, 5'11", 190, 41, HIV-, has butt, 6", and passion for life available to someone sensitive, HIV-, who defines himself by more than his organ size. ☎ 3657. (40)

BGM, healthy, goodlooking and safe, seeks Asian couples for 3-ways in L.A. area. ☎ 3635. (40)

Mixed Chinese/black, 24, wants to spend quality time with someone special to kick it with. Interested in sports, playing ball Saturday mornings at USC and going out. Taurean. ☎ 3589. (40)

Hi my name is Ed. I'm black, tall, bowlegged, handsome. I love to mingle and I love to party. ☎ 3604. (40)

T.C., black, 5'11", 160, athletic, medium build, 26, light-brown complexion, goodlooking, I like checking out the movies, gym, sports. Live in Compton. Looking for someone who's down to earth, who likes to just hangout, who's masculine and who's not into the club scene. If this is you, call and leave a message. ☎ 3612. (40)

Latin bottom, 35, 5'11", 165, masculine, handsome, slim, toned, enjoys movies, bike-riding, hiking, evenings at home having fabulous, freaky safe sex. Looking for BM top, with 9"+, uncut A+. No bull. 213-654-2026. (38)

I'm not perfect, but parts of me are excellent! Beautiful 7½" B/cock wants black cakes. David, Box 84174, L.A., CA. 90073. (38)

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Muscular, educated, very Afrocentric male, 5'9½", wants to check out real brothers and maybe hangout. Brent. ☎ 3569. (40)

GM, 6'1", brown skin, green eyes, curly hair, looking to meet BM, 24-30, top who likes to have a good time, aggresive, good personality and likes to conversate. Damien. ☎ 3586. (40)

Gay male, 5'11", 175, very lean muscular stud, looking to meet goodlooking guys under 35, fit and in good shape with 10" or more for hot body contact. Rob. ☎ 3627. (40)

Gay male, 35, 6', 190 lbs of fun. Seek Latin or black men of similar size or bigger. Ron. ☎ 3566. (40)

Gay male, 6'1", 182, muscular body, 9½", real thick, very goodlooking seeks goodlooking muscular studs under 35 with a foot long sausage for group scenes. Steve. ☎ 3629. (40)

Black professional, 5'9", 170, very athletic, ex-military, well educated, sincere, financially secure, well-built workout, looking for prof. black male, masculine, athletic, muscular into sports, travelling, music and well endowed for dating or relationship. Michael. ☎ 3575. (40)

If you're black and interested in a compact bodybuilder, hairy, big bubble-butt, large piece, then I'm the one for you. I'm 5'8", 150, mixture of French and Puerto Rican, short black hair, green eyes and lots of energy. I'm a serious MF. ☎ 3613. (40)

You've got what it takes! Can I take a little? 7½" wants black cakes (safe). David Payne, Box 84174, L.A., CA 90073. (38)

Search is on: Handsome, professional BM, 34, 5'8", 145. Bored with swimming in the cesspool of L.A. club/bar scene. Looking to meet a sexy, intelligent, culturally aware man, 30-40, for music, movies and hopefully much more. ✎ 188. (40)

Wanted: Horny healthy black man by blond GWM. Object: Your pleasure. Call Lee 818-896-8890. (38)

BGM, 25, 6'3", 190, good looking, likes going to gym, movies, sports, reading. Hollywood area. Let's rap. Richard. ☎ 3459. (39)

Gay male, 38, 5'9", 165 lbs., blue eyes, into classic film, music, sunset walks at the beach, seeks intelligent, aware individual for mutually-fulfilling companionship. Please call Bruce, 310-674-4489. (TF)

Where is the beef? I know that the answer is in you, owners of Big Black Delicatessen, meaning 10"x5" or larger. If you really are interested in a Hispano Americano man who is 5'9", 35 years old, 150 pounds, 29" waist, bronzed complexion, etc., write to Box 761326, Los Angeles, CA 90076. Telephone number available upon request. (39)

Light brown, 5'9", medium build, muscular, enjoys movies, dinner. Versatile. Gene. ☎ 3460. (39)

Cuban, 6'4", green eyes, blond, seeks dark-skinned black male, extremely well hung that loves to lay back and get serviced. No need to reciprocate. The bigger the better. Carlos. ☎ 3467. (39)

BM, 33, 6'3", 215, athletic, football player type build, well endowed, medium complexion, seeks under 35, endowed. In shape Latins A+. No hangups. Peace. Damien. ☎ 3406. (39)

Slim, lean BM from Texas, 6'2", 165 lbs. Let's reach out and touch. (I'm horny.) ☎ 3409. (39)

BGM, 37, 5'6", 155, loves to mingle, give Dwayne a call. ☎ 3117. (38)

BGM, 6', 40, masculine bottom likes hard body tops who like to freak. Eddy. ☎ 3124. (38)

Black brother, 160#, 5'8", gym member looking for partner who is also gym member for workouts. Peace! ☎ 3125. (38)

Attractive, 5'9", 160#, 21, live alone, dark brown skin, nice build, well endowed, seeks brothers who know how to kick it and be safe. Jay. ☎ 3411. (39)

White bottom, 29, 5'9", 145#, very goodlooking masculine HIV-athletic mountain bicyclist racer, with very well developed and very clean-shaven legs/butt, seeks BM athletic HIV-hung 9+" and thick for some hard long riding. Scott: 714-222-4931. (38)

Gay male, 6'3", 195, seeks black masculine top. You won't be disappointed. Anthony. ☎ 3305. (38)

Dark blonde, blue eyes, 5'11", 190, bubble-butt bottom, seeks quality black tops. Gordon. ☎ 3307. (38)

GWM, 35, 6'2", 195, athletic, attractive, financially secure, enjoys sports, movies, new to area, seek BM 20-40. ☎ 3324. (38)

Edwardo, 34, 5'10", 160, light brown skin, short hair, goodlooking, homebody, top man, looking for someone to workout with in more ways than one. ☎ 3322. (38)

BM 25, 5'10", 165, whatzup? Masculine looking for same. ☎ 3337. (38)

Black men are nicer, sexier, and more fun. Call or write to this good-looking blond and prove it. Lee. ☎ 3316. ✎ 162. (38)

Slender, tall, ebony artist, seeks aggressive man. No boozers or losers, no thugs or drugs, no chubbies or hubbies. Eugene. ☎ 3373. (38)

BM, 42 y/o, 5'9", 170, workout with weights, looking for big buff brothers. I like to massage from traps to toes. Dale. ☎ 3368. (38)

GWM, 47, heavy-set, love movies, walking on beach, travelling, no drugs or smoking. Very affectionate, love to cuddle and talk on the phone. Roger. ☎ 3891. (41)

Men's Personals—DC

BM, 31, HIV+, 5'10", 165, well-built, athletic, interested in meeting other brothers same height or taller. You should have varied interests, should be diverse in thought and political ideaology. Harvey. ☎ 3759. (40)

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Handsome black man, 36, 6'1", 180 lbs., bodybuilder, great definition, very well endowed, masculine. Works out regularly, professional, sports-minded, easy-going. Seeks very well defined, lean, muscular white man with great legs for friend/companion. Out of state replys welcome. Can travel. ☎ 3704. (40)

Gay male, 6'1", dark-skinned, looking for friends. Masculine and white A+. Kent. ☎ 3633. (40)

GBM, 5'9", 160, 29, Miami area. Hobbies include reading, music, hanging out at home. Want to meet someone who is masculine, aggresive, and enjoys some one who likes to take care of his man. Chris. ☎ 3562. (40)

Hot BM, 25-year-old, well-endowed, Tampa area. ☎ 3375. (38)

Black, 24, 5'10", 155, very attractive, muscular, masculine seeks others. Mitch. ☎ 3359. (38)

BM, 24, seeks GM, 18-30. Enjoy movies, music, sports, good times. Lee. ☎ 3393. (39)

Men's Personals—GA

What's up fellas? I'm Darryl, 6'1", brown skin, very active, safe, discrete, HIV-. If you're a brother who's down with being safe, give me a call. ☎ 3693. (40)

GBM, 20, medium build, light skin, love travel, movies. I want a friendship and possible relationship, so please call and leave your phone number. I love being a bottom. No questions asked. You should be a GBM, 18-35. My name is Ricardo. ☎ 3706. (40)

Afrocentric BM, 20, 5'11", 180, HIV-, bi, college student, slinging 10". Seek 18-30, black, hung, combat boots, boxer shorts, baggy jeans, bald head or dreads. Can you take a 40 and be intelligent..then we can get very nasty. I'm out. ☎ 3558. (40)

GWM couple, 27 and 29, into self-fellatio, seeking black picture exchange. Send video, pix, letter to S.F.C., 461 N. Highland Ave. #2, Atlanta, GA 30307. (38)

Gay male, 29 and very, very goodlooking. I'm ready, willing and able to please a black stud. Call me when you're ready, I'm waiting. Joseph. ☎ 3626. ✎ 192. (40)

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Men's Personals—HI

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Men's Personals—IL

Masculine BM, 29, 6'1", 240, serious bodybuilder, 31" waist, professional. Seeking similar into bodybuilding and athletics with a strong sense of discipline and ambition. ☎ 3831. (41)

GBM, 19, wanted to meet attractive, sincere, relationship-oriented, masculine BM, 24-32. Interests should include good sense of humor, open minded, spend quality time. Please no dead-beats. David. ☎ 3866. (41)

BM, 37, 5'11", 220 lbs., avid bodybuilder, profesional, freelance writer, photographer. I enjoy going out, plays and movies. Sometimes I get lazy and just want to stay home and watch videos and talk to friends. ☎ 3880. (41)

Pro-Wrestling/boxing/fight fanatic. Chicago, GWM, 33, 5'6", hairy, good shape, seeks GBMs into fantasy matches, videos of brutal brawls in/out of the ring. No-holds barred fantasies, J/O, winner

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Black, 34, 6'0" 220 lbs, HIV-, smoker, versatile, bright, sincere. In search of a casual friendship with a masculine black male that could develop into a monogamous relationship. ☎ 3805. ✐ 203. (40)

College student, 5'11", 155 lbs., slender build, very sexual. I'm in Chicago completing internship for major oil company, If you have new experiences you want to teach me, I'm game! Kenyata. ☎ 3744. (40)

35 year old GBM, HIV+ (asymptomatic), professional person. In the final stages of completing my Ph.D. I'm looking for friend ships and possible long-term relationship. ☎ 3464. (39)

BM, 29, 6'2", 200, seeks other masculine top BM to kick it with and correspond. Maurice. ☎ 3311. (38)

WM, 37, 5'11", 178, Bill, sports, weights, nice looking, solidly built, seek 37-55, very masculine, loving, 200+, down to earth, non-promiscuous. ☎ 3340. (38)

GWM, 26, 5'8", 160#, HIV+, muscular versatile hot bod, seeks same or top GBM or GHM muscular types only, for hot safe sex play, flexing, scenes, laughs, etc. ☎ 3323. ✐ 163. (38)

Men's Personals—IN

B/M need only to respond to this. W/M, 40, 6'4", 220 lbs., no drugs, no wild scenes. Live alone downtown. Quiet evenings, soft jazz. Any age. Let's just talk. Photo OK. ☎ 3815. ✐ 204. (40)

GWM, 29, HIV+, asymptomatic, 6', 185, br/br, moustache, attractive, plays sports, like travelling. Looking for GBM, 25-50, with similar interests, HIV+ for longtime relationship. Joe. ☎ 3649.(40)

GWM physician, 29, 6', 185, br/br, moustache, HIV+ but asymptomatic, attractive, masculine, likes sports, movies, travelling. Seeks GBM, 25-50, also HIV+, with similar interests for possible relationship. Would like someone who could possibly relocate. Career choice not important, but honesty and sincerity are. ☎ 3630. ✐ 190. (43)

Men's Personals—LA

I'm ready, willing and able. I'm a black male looking for a black male, 35-45. Harold. ☎ 3766. (40)

WM, 29, 5'7", 160, workout, moderate hairy, beard, brown hair, hazel eyes, masculine seeks someone to get to know. ☎ 3565. (40)

Men's Personals—MA

Boston area, 23-year-old WM, real goodlooking, would like to meet up with black guys for hot times. You should be masculine and well hung. Greg. ☎3838. (41)

Husky, 29, 230, 5'11", likes to party as well as quiet times at home. If you're in my area I'd relly like to hear from you. Craig. ☎ 3856. (41)

GWM, 26, 6'1", br/br, clean shaven, masculine, professional, Boston area, seeks GBM, 25-35, goodlooking, in shape, HIV-, top, for safe times. Will be discrete if needed. Jeff. ☎ 3678. (40)

What up? My name is Lang. I'm 19, 5'10", 172, brown skin, low-cut fade, side-burns and trim mustache. I look good and live in Boston. I'm looking for black and Hispanic tops, 18-25, for penpals or relationship in Boston, New York or Los Angeles. ☎ 3680. (40)

BM, 29, BM, 5'9", 175 lbs., muscular, clean-shaven, looking for someone special. Benjamin. ☎ 3681. (40)

Gay male, 6', 185, interested in meeting nice young men, any race, 21-30, to talk and hang out. I don't mind travelling to meet you. Shanon. ☎ 3008. (40)

WM, 24, dark hair, blue eyes, looking to service hot BM from Mike Tyson to rapper types. If you're looking for what I'm offering then leave your number in my box and I'll call back discretely. Joey. ☎ 3608. (40)

Men's Personals—MD

Black man preferred. Want masculine, easy going man with a sense of humor, who is ready for a long term relationship. Must be committed to develop the body physically and spiritually. I'm 43, sensual, affectionate, WM, 5'6", 150 lbs. Alan. ☎ 3889. (41)

Masculine top man, 36, HIV-, affectionate, down to earth, sense of humor, relationship oriented, not into bars, one night stands, smokers or drugs. Interests include politics, working out, sports and music. I'm handsome, brown skinned, have moustache, 5'10", 190 lbs. and stocky. Looking for masculine, together, black male, Hispanic or white male, your personality is most important. Brian. ☎ 3760. (40)

Male, 5'10", 178, very thick and very long, looking for someone to handle it. You should have a big bubble-butt and need some man loving, not just sex. Shank. ☎ 3826. (40)

GBM, 30, 5'6", looking for GBM 20-40, football and basketball players, for some hand action. ✐ 181. (38)

Attractive, sexy black male, 5'10", 165, varied interests. Seeks tall, masculine black men 21+ for correspondence or possible relationship. Your photo gets mine. All answered. ✐ 182. (39)

Men's Personals—MI

GWM, live in Detroit area, 46, 5'10", 190, hairy body, beard, bottom looking for ideal black soul mate. Tony. ☎ 3823. (40)

BM, 28, seeking other black males between the ages of 24-45. Must be masculine, athletic, bearded and hairy. College students preferred. Latin or Arab men okay. Donald. ☎ 3646. (40)

Bi BM, bottom, seeking young black servicemen, ex-Marines, Army, Navy, wrestlers, bald a-+. Also looking for ruff tuff street butch types. Donald. ☎ 3714. (40)

Light-skinned BM, 38, single, shy, movies, sports, politics. Not very experienced, but love being gay. Interested in someone nice and together. James. ☎ 3628. (40)

Whatzup? D.J., versatile black single male looking for a little fun. If you're down with that why don't you give me a message. Peace. ☎ 3571. (40)

BM, 28, looking for BM, 25-45, must be very masculine, athletic, hairy and/or bearded, college students prefered. You must be top and butch and know how to take control. Tony. ☎ 3587. (40)

Light-skinned male, 5'9½", hazel eyes. If you're interested in meeting someone who is down to earth, loves to cook, movies, non-promiscuous, call and leave a message. Tim. ☎ 3573. (40)

BGM, 5'11", 185, very attractive, muscular, enjoys communicating, eating, music, sports and working out, seeks BGM muscular with same interest. No fats, fems need apply. K. Anderson, Box 14626, Detroit MI 48214. (39)

BM, 35, 6'1", 220 pounds seeks tall BM into bodybuilding, nice looking, athletic. Al. ☎ 3471. (39)

GBM, 5'11", 170, 23, slender, nice build, would like to meet other black or Latino men 23-30, you must be educated and knowledgeable. Andre. ☎ 3320. (38)

I love to talk on the phone, would like to meet someone special. James. ☎ 3097. (38)

What's up? I love to rub. I'm black and hot. Let's get together and party. Seek black men only. Kevin. ☎ 3441. (39)

Men's Personals—MO

St. Louis area. Male, 6'2", 210 lbs., bottom, attractive, have medium complexion, and like to have fun. Anthony. ☎ 3682. (40)

BM, 37, St. Louis area, interested in meeting other guys for friendship, fun, good times, play, talking, thinking, laughing, hanging out, getting close, getting to know each other. Rudy. ☎ 3618. (40)

African-American male, 30, 5'7", 155 lbs., straight-acting, educated, athletic build, works out, enjoys music, movies, outdoor travel, science, bowling, and quite evenings seeks attractive African-American, Caribbean/Jamacian or Nigerian straight-acting educated male 25-55 years old. Leave detail message or send letter or photo. Dan. ☎ 3786. ✐ 195. (40)

GWM, 27, 6'1", 175, blond/brown, moustache, versatile bottom, St. Louis area, seeks exciting goodlooking black guys. ☎ 3342. (38)

Men's Personals—MN

GBM, masculine, 38, looking to meet GBM 25-40, tall, dark-skinned who is willing to be spoiled rotten and cared about. You should enjoy to take walks, movies and more. Nate. ☎ 3872. (41)

Men's Personals—NJ

I'm a GBM, brown skin, 220 lbs., 6'2", teddy bear and looking for serious relationship. HIV-. Looking for GBM, tall dark and very muscular with large thighs and legs. Have to like tight jeans and sneakers on himself. HIV-and no queens. ☎ 3825. ✐ 202. (40)

Horny GWM seeks phone action with local guys. I'm 24, Irish construction worker, but not always a top. Let's set a time to melt the phone lines. Photo/letter. ☎ 3728. ✐ 194. (40)

Men's Personals—NY

GBM from Brazil, 28, 5'9", 130, HIV+, looking for someone special any age or race for serious relationship based on friendship and respect. Mario. ☎ 3827. (41)

Attractive GBM, 35, interested in meeting athletic type top male. If interested check me out. ☎3836. (41)

Very attractive Taurus, 27, born in April, 220#, looking for Cancer male, 24-30. I'll be waiting. Tony. ☎ 3842. (41)

BM, masculine, 45, 5'8", 170#, HIV-, balding, bearded, French A/P, Greek P, seeking masculine, HIV-men (any race) for fun and possible relationship. Reply with photo to: Roy, Box 250546, Brooklyn, NY 11225-0545. (40)

Cultured, quiet, elderly black gent, retired (68); very short, stocky, serving; seeks senior Afro-American males, 50-plus, in NYC area, who are tall, vigorous, masculine, agressive. Dave R., 930 Grand Concourse #6B, Bronx, NY 10451. 718-681-0179. Call only 8 p.m.-midnight. (39)

BM, 6', beard, looking to meet serious-minded brothers. Peace. Ed. ☎ 3817. (40)

Gay black male, 33, looking for good time or possible relationship with GBM, 35-40. Kenny. ☎ 3818. (40)

Brooklynite, 30, 6', 170 lbs., brown complexion, toned body. Interested in meeting community conscious brothers of African descent only, 30+, secure sense of themselves, emotionally mature, not afraid to communicate their needs. Call Savage. ☎ 3809. (40)

Aggressive, easy going, very masculine, enjoys boxing, movies, plays and kicking it at home with someone special. You should be very masculine, 20-45 years old, big, heavyset, tall, homeboy with basketball/football player look. Mike. ☎ 3644. (40)

GBM, 24 seeks other GBMs for safe group sex. Horny black men or well endowed men are A+. ✐ 3574. (40)

BB, 45, Italian-Polish, 198, healthy, HIV+, versatile, 6', average endowment, hairy, handsome, moustache, seeks lean versatile GBM with well defined muscles, 35 to 55 into weights. Photo to Box 6A, 111 Montague St., Brooklyn NY 11201. (38)

GBM, 35, bottom, would like to meet GM top. Must be in fairly good shape, under 40 years old. Call James at 718-803-3906. (38)

Hi. My name is Raymond. I'm a BGM, 32, 5'7", 187 lbs., HIV+, Cancerian ISO dialogue with compatible, hairy, tall, GWM for lover/relationship. No addic-

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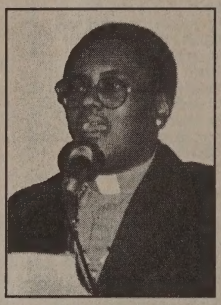

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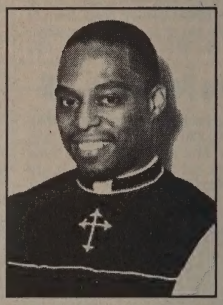

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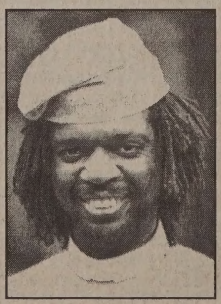

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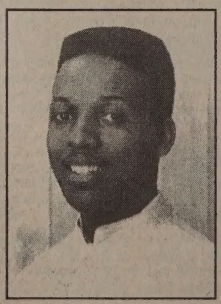

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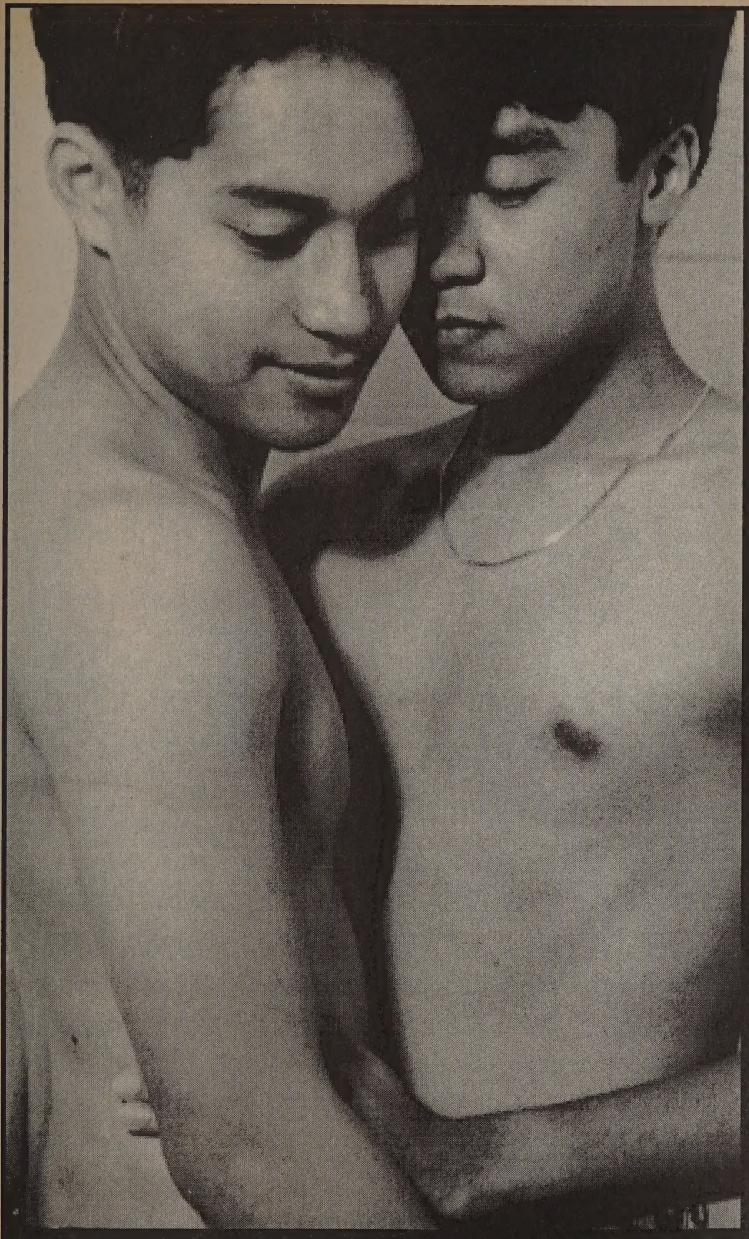

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GBHM, sincere, honest, attractive, 26, masculine, muscular, romantic, interested in all minorities who are into friendship with possible relationship. You should be masculine and drug free. ☎ 3470. (39)

Black male, 32, 5'10", 190, muscular build, military, new to New England area, seeks white male 25-45. Monty. ☎ 3004. (38)

Tall, goodlooking, wants to date a black guy. Michael. ☎ 3099. (38)

Attractive PR, 41, 140#, 5'11", interested in meeting blacks (African, American, West Indian including Rastas) and fair to dark skinned PRs, Dominicanos, Arabs and Brazilians for fun and friendship. Must be top, hung 8+, clean, straight looking/acting, discreet, able to keep an erection with condom on. Age/height unimportant. No bottoms, fats, collect or j/o calls, solicitors or hustlers. NYC residents or visitors to this area only. Call Lou, 718-271-0832, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. or leave mess. (38)

BM seeks BM, 25-35, for fun and excitement. Let's hang out. Troy. ☎ 3443. (39)

GBM, 32, 5'7", 187, HIV+, Cancerian, seeks tall hairy GWM for relationship. No addictions. Leos, Tauruses A+. Raymond. ☎ 3444. (39)

Men's Personals—NC

GWM, 40, 5'8", 165, dark hair, beard, writer, serious, romantic, seeks ebony prince charming, 23-35, slim to medium build for monogamous relationship. ☎ 3634. (40)

Men's Personals—OH

Seeking GBM. This GWM, 36, 5'11", 155, is searching for black friend/roommate/lover. I'm sincere, honest, quiet and faithful. You can be tall or short, but not overweight. Sex is not important, but a serious relationship is. I will treat you like you've never been treated before. Respond with letter/photo to Ron, Box 141023, Dayton OH 45414. Penpals welcome. (38)

GBM, 6'1", 185, 37, HIV+, healthy, handsome, hairy nice build, varied interests, seek a masculine GM who has it together. Write me. Plenty of life left to live onwards and upwards. ☎ 3631. ✐ 191. (40)

BM, 27, Scott, seeks Latins, PR, Arabs, BM in Cleveland area. ☎ 3308. (38)

Men's Personals—OK

Looking for hard men like myself in the Tulsa area, fair skinned, greenish eyes, very discrete. Rick. ☎ 3864. (41)

GBM seeks other men in Tulsa area for romantic times. Masculine, tall, thin, handsome. Caesar. ☎ 3456. (39)

Men's Personals—PA

BM, 32, 6'2", 195, handsome, a man's man, in search of a BM, 30-40, tall, medium brown to dark, developed, bald, nubian featued, big lips, nose, ears, fingers, feet and you know what else. I prefer a strong, agressive, take charge police, serviceman, pro athlete. I'm discrete and totally dedicated. Married or Bi a+. Ramon. ☎ 3861. (41)

Gay male, 6'1½", 44½" chest, 31" waist, looking for extremely tall black brothers, 6'2"-7", homeboy look with athletic build, African, rastas, ex-prisoners, top, 8" or more, discrete. Ramone. ☎ 3816. (40)

Whats up my Nubian brothers? I'm 27, 5'7", 200 lbs., in shape. I like to travel, hike, bike, read, hang and you know what I mean by "hang." I'm about the positive, not the negative. ☎ 3807. (40)

GM, 32, 5'9", 200 lbs., professional, romantic, Cancerian, active in church, enjoy clubs now and then. "T". ☎ 3655. (40)

GBM, 25, 5'6", bodybuilder, bottom, love to have sex. Looking for nice looking brothers who like to get down with a good look ing BB. Russell. ☎ 3709. (40)

Yo. My name is T. I'm 5'9", 195, pleasingly plump, 32 and professional. Looking for someone that is real, romantic, sexy dominant, fun and likes good rubdowns. If you're the one then call my mailbox. ☎ 3600. (40)

BM, 6'1", 198, sexy would like to meet other sharp looking guys who like to get it on with me. I like to go to parks and have fun, if you're down with that call me. Gerald. ☎ 3623. (40)

Yo guys, Brian here, 30, 5'9", 155, blond flat-top, hazel eyes, ex-marine, Pittsburg area, looking for clean cut masculine straight up black guys 21-35 for good clean fun. ☎ 3620. (40)

BM, 32, 5'9", 170, light brown, seeks black men ages 25-35, non-smoker, must be a man, no fems, no drugs, no games. Be romantic, caring, honest and real. No fats, no sugar daddys—just straight up about us. ☎ 3365. ✐ 172. (38)

Men's Personals—SC

I enjoy singing, dancing, having fun, writing poetry and just mingling with friends. Dee Dee. ☎ 3859. (41)

GM, 23, enjoys writing poetry, dancing, singing, hanging out with friends. Avery. ☎ 3730. (40)

Masculine, discrete, African-American brother, slim build, nice looking, medium brown, into sports, movies, arts, seeks friendship, possible relationship with masculine, muscular, handsome, black brother who is athletic, bodybuilder type. Hairy a +, with a big plump black man's butt. There it is. Dwayne. ☎ 3696. (40)

Men's Personals—TN

African-American male, very attractive, 6'1", fantastic personality, journalist, live in Nashville. Into movies, music and fun. Seeks someone for fun and romance. Lorenzo. ☎ 3572. (40)

Men's Personals—TX

BM, 39, bottom, residing in Sherman, I like just about everything, quiet evenings at home, fun nights out on the town, romantic candlelit dinners. I'm interested in meeting a relationship-oriented, strong, competent BM who has his act together. Artis. ☎ 3857. (41)

GBM bottom, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs., seeking a well-endowed black top for serious dating and possible relationship. Light-complexion a definite plus. Peace out. ☎ 3868. (41)

Word up. BM, 33, looking for a strong black brother for a good friendship. I'm an assistant engineer in Houston and you should be a profesional also. AJ. ☎ 3878. (41)

Masculine BM, 25, enjoys weightlifting, basketball, seeking masculine profesional guys who like to laugh and have a good time. Why don't you check me out? Later. ☎ 3879. (41)

African-American bottom, 31, 6'3", 230 lbs., light complexion, seeks well endowed top men of color for serious dating, possible relationship. Bowlegs or blue-black complexion a definite plus. ☎ 3868. ✐ 206. (40)

GBM, 19, wanting to meet an attractive, sincere relationship-oriented black masculine male between the ages of 24 and 32. Interests include good sense of humor, open minded, spending quality time. No dead beats! ☎ 3866. (40)

Masculine, muscular, well-endowed top, professional, seek tall 6'6" +, muscular, professional GBM bottom for passionate safe sex or possible relationship, 30-50, HIV-only. Robert. ☎ 3770. (40)

I'm looking for a big muscular BM, body builder, football build type. I'm 25, light skinned, 6'2", 170 lbs., basketball player build, very masculine and I travel all over the country. ☎ 3741. (40)

BM, 26, 5'11", 170 lbs., dark skin, bowlegged, licensed registered nurse. I'm interested in meeting young, 18-24, black and Hispanic guys who take pride in your self and your apparance. I live in Houston. Lee. ☎ 3742. (40)

GWM, 39, 6'1", over 300 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, moustache. Are you looking for more than a one night stand? Call Terry from Dallas. ☎ 3791. (40)

GBM, bottom, looking for top action from black masculine male. Peace out! Jeff. ☎ 3795. (40)

BM, 6'3", 230, 30 years old, light complexion, bottom, seeking dominant military or blue collar type. Must be well-endowed. You should have a dark complexion and interested in serious dating or relationship. John. ☎ 3796. (40)

GBM 165 lbs., 5'10" educated, endowed, seek other blacks, P.R. for hot safe sex. No fakes, pretenters or fems. Only positive sincere men need reply. Photos get mine. ✐ 201. (40)

Professional, BGM, 5'7", 26, body and facial hair, seeking top man for fun and friendship and possible relationship. Enjoy conversation, candlelight dinners, theater. You should be comfortable with your life style. You should love life and love to live it. Terry. ☎ 3702. (40)

GBM, 5'11", 185 lbs., 38, clean-cut, moustache, homebody, HIV-. I'm into reading and working out. Seeking monogamous relationship. No games. ☎ 3383. (39)

GWM, blonde, blue, bottom, 5'10", 188 lbs., 38, looks younger. Seeking any race slim top-man; bi ok. Write with photo to Boxholder, Box 90008, San Antonio, TX 78209-9008. (41)

Houston BM, 38, seeking African-American males, 18-40 who are very much into bodybuilding with huge muscle-bound bodies. ☎ 3410. (39)

Looking for a hot "man" of color with the best looking masculine round smooth "man" butt out there and a hot pair of legs to go along with it. Bow legs a plus! I am attractive WM, hairy, hot and hung, with runner's legs. Box 7415, Dallas, TX 75209. (38)

GBM, 5'10", 190, brown complexion, wear glasses, fade haircut, likes to party at home, seeks to meet couples for fun. Clark. ☎ 3445. (39)

Men's Personals—VA

Attractive GBM, 29, artist, 5'8", 145, HIV+, in good health. Seeks attractive, well built, masculine homeboy of black or white color to share interest in music, weightlifting, workouts, theater, African art, sports, cooking, reading, intimate evenings and more serious about life and living it with an open mind and have hopes in a stimulating relationship. Then send photo and letter to Box 3216, Reston, VA 22090. (38)

Men's Personals—WA

Very goodlooking, BM, 6'3", 195 lbs., 28, facial hair, seek rough trade, black, Latin or Arab, discrete, big legs and thighs A+. I live in Northwest but visit Southern California often. Kerry. ☎ 3781. (40)

BM, 6', 165, athletic runners build, aspiring BB, new to Seattle area, looking for a few friends to show me around. Sam. ☎ 3579. (40)

Single, tall, dark, handsome. I like to get out and go to concerts, plays, darts, drinking, enjoy Jimi Hendrix, Stones, clas sical, country, 4X4s, motorcycles, chess. I'm looking for someone to talk to. Jerry. ☎ 3621. (40)

Men's Personals—WI

Between 21-40? African-American, Puerto Rican, other? Goal oriented? Passionate? Endowed at least 8½" and thick? Attuned to social justice? I am 43, GHM, 5'10", Blk/Brn, 225#, seeking intimacy and friendship. Respond to all, will return photos. Mark, Box 10361, Milwaukee, WI 53210. (39)

Man wanted. Sincere, understanding and open-minded. You: Black/Latin/White. Must be: active/passive, in-shape (bodybuilder/jock build), non-fat/femme, 18-40. Tall A+. Leather A+. Monogamous/non-monogamous. Me: Dark blond/blue, 26, 6'1", 190, 30" waist, 7½" white boy. Also open to sexual fantasies, etc. Include photo. Michael, 1547 N. 59th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208. (40)

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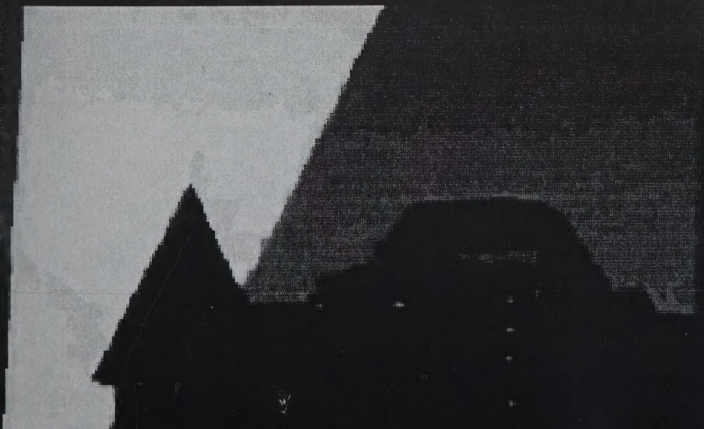

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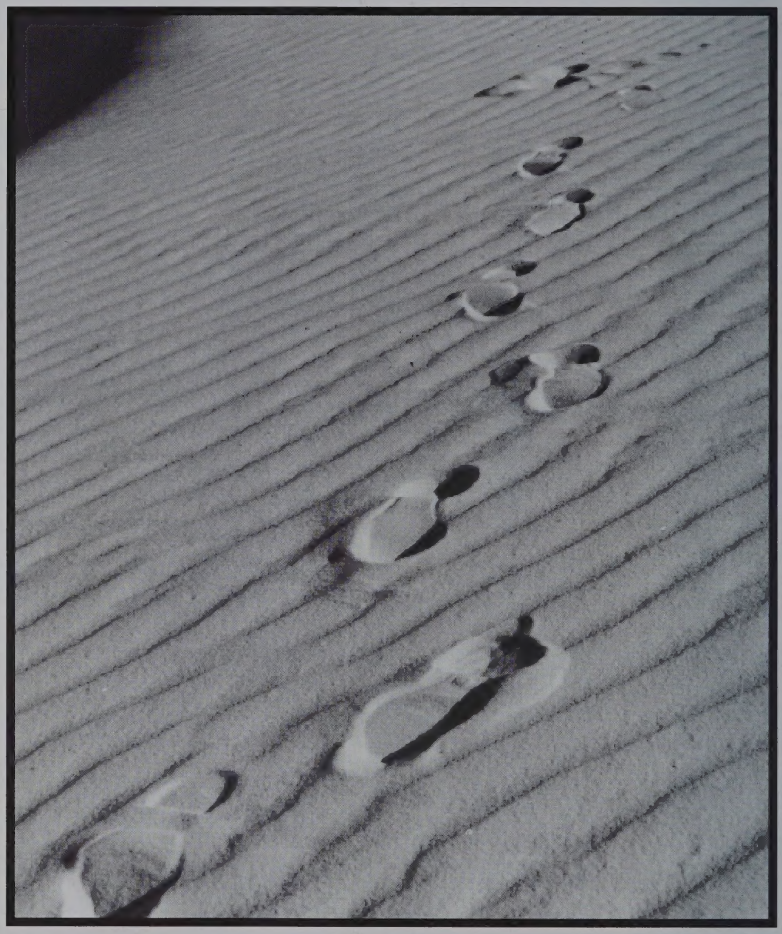

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